

End to school violence sought by City officials

North York unit proposed to study causes of violence and vandalism

By Seth Borts

On June 13, a report released by a joint working committee on vandalism and violence in North York said that a new administrative unit should be established to report on and find ways to decrease the incidents of violence in North York schools.

This report is the culmination of a debate that has been going on among North York teachers, parents, board members, students and community representatives for some time.

According to Shirley Scaife, president of Educum (North York

Education and Community Council) representing 25,000 North York parents, the problem is worse in some areas of the city than in others.

After reviewing town planning statistics, Scaife believes that Ward 3, in particular, has special needs.

"Not just the Board of Education, but the municipal council and the province must pour resources into the area," she said.

Leisure time a factor

Scaife also feels that a prime contributing factor to vandalism

and violence in the schools is the amount of leisure time now available to the student through the credit system. With this system, as many as half of the student's regular classes can be spares.

She also cites the reduction in teachers, economic and social factors, high immigration, the frustration of unemployment, the problems of single parents, high rise living and the need for day care facilities as significant factors in the high rate of violence both in the schools and on the streets.

Most North York officials agree that some of the most alarming acts of violence occur against teachers.

274 incidents of violence

According to an April, 1979 OSSTF (Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation) report on violence, there were 274 incidents of violence committed by students against teachers in North York Secondary Schools in 1979.

The most common acts of violence involved were arguing, harassment, threatening, use of fists, fighting, intimidation, obscenities and sexual assault.

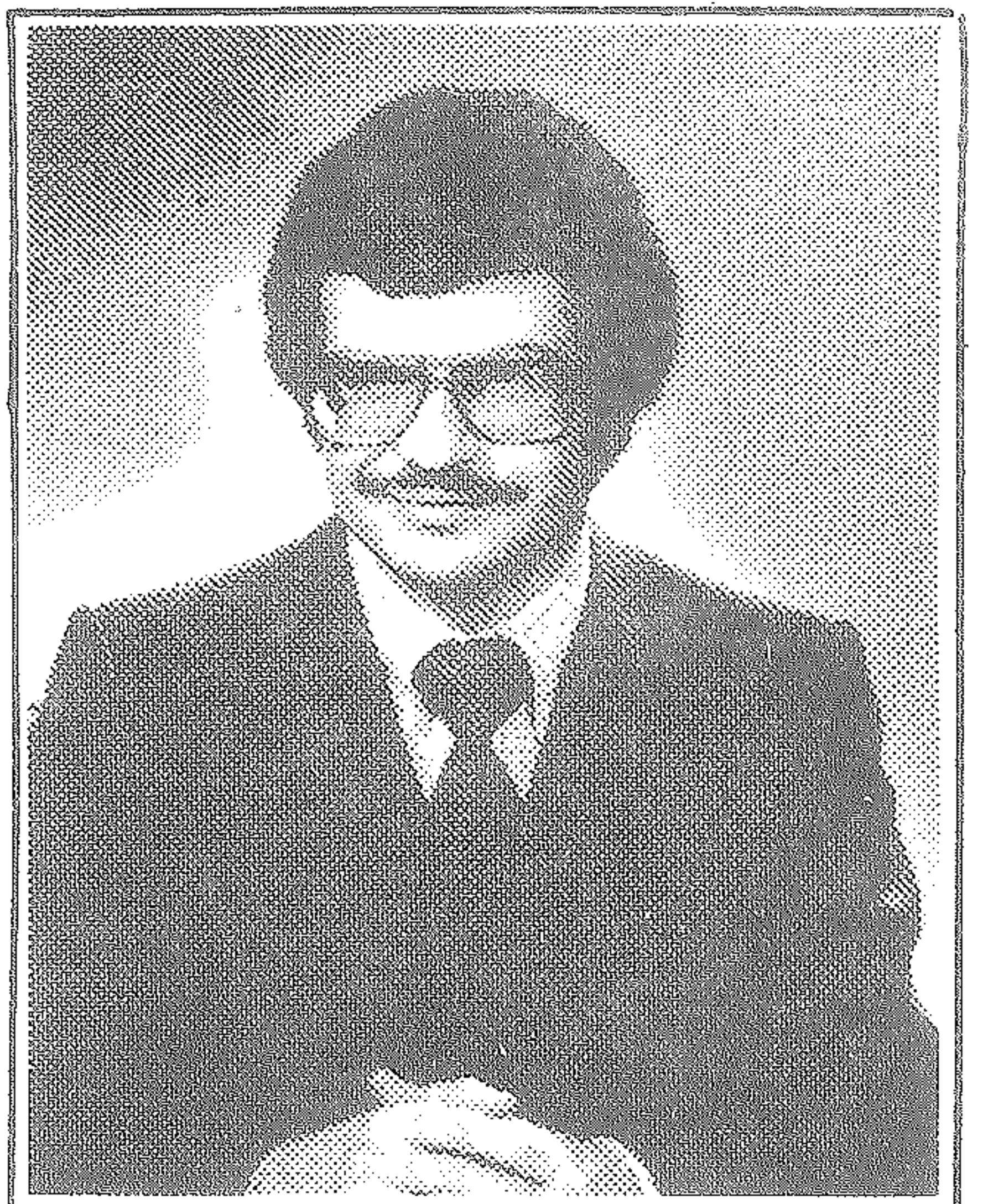
North York Board of Education Chairman, Lawrence Crackower, believes the problem is not unique to North York.

"Violence does not confine itself to the Jane Finch area, or areas that are high in subsidized housing," he said.

Crackower said the problem of violence is city-wide, and believes efforts to reduce violence and vandalism must not be directed solely to areas in North York, such as Ward 3.

Society's problem

He also feels the problem is not merely a school problem, but a problem of the whole society. "There's no question there's a pressing problem in North York. I also believe it's a problem in Metro. For some reason the other areas in Metro don't seem to be given the immediate publicity that North York has. That's because North York is more open on the subject than others (school



Lawrence Crackower.

"Violence is a problem of society as a whole."

systems)."

Crackower also cited the probable cause of vandalism as being a "breakdown in the respect for the property of others," as well as a lessening of parental control.

Parent's failure

"There has been a failure on the part of parents generally to engender in their children this kind of respect for the rights of others," he said.

Crackower also believes that juvenile courts in North York have been too lenient. However, Division 31 Inspector, Hugh Adams, says that juvenile offenders are only a minority of area children.

Police deny there's a problem

Inspector Adams said there has been no great rise in crime in the Jane corridor since he began working here three years ago.

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Bed shortages at York-Finch Hospital

By Mary Ann Prychoda

This summer York-Finch Hospital will be forced to turn away some emergency patients and send them to other hospitals even though almost 15 per cent of their beds will be unused at the time.

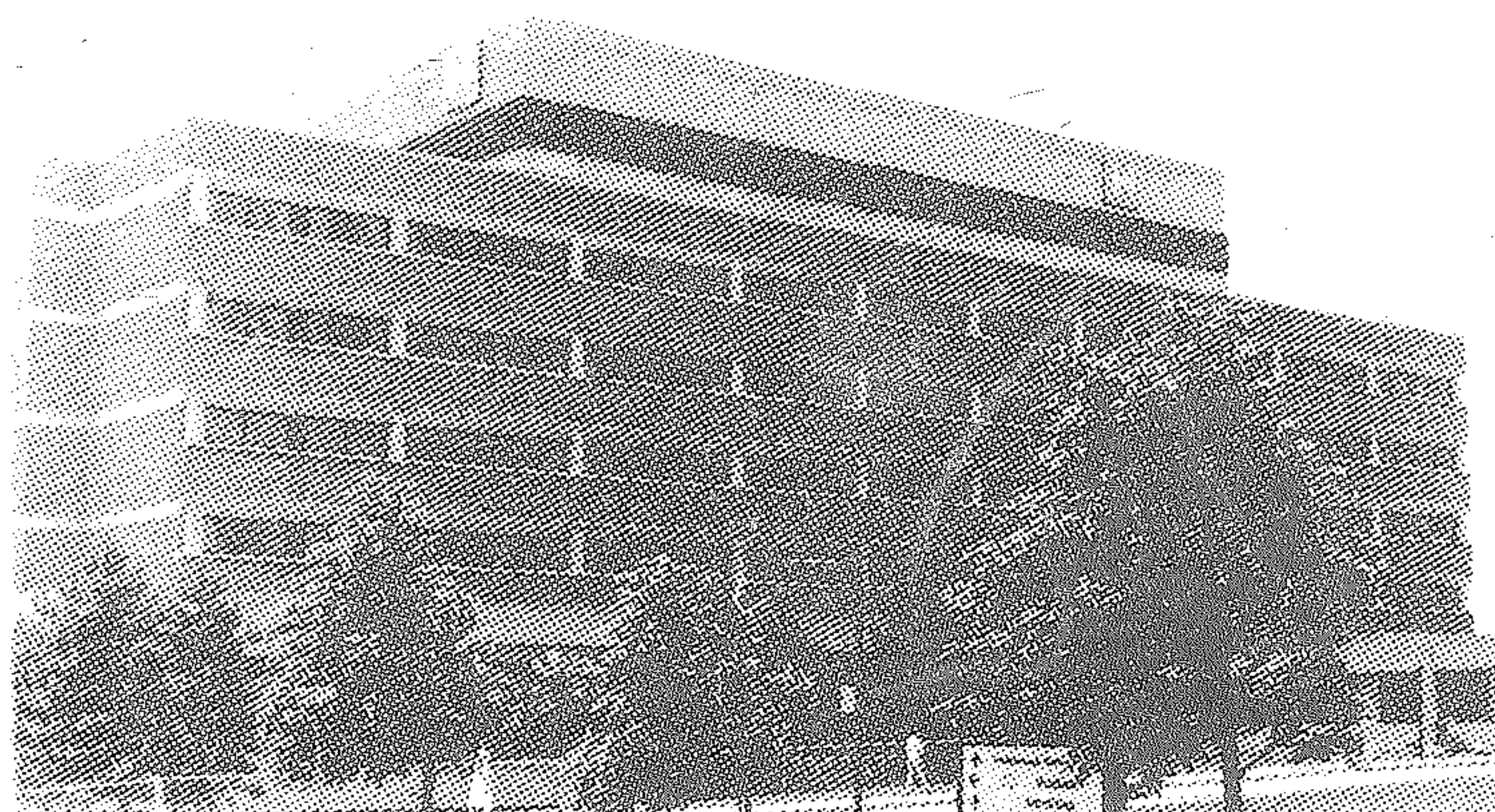
In order to save money in the face of government health care restraints throughout the province, hospitals such as York-Finch have had to shut down a number of their costly active treatment beds.

Bed closings traditionally occur during the summer months when patients are less inclined to go in for elective surgery, and when doctors and nurses take their summer holidays. However, with beds already in scarce supply, heavy cuts could cause a severe shortage of hospital beds this summer.

According to Dr. Salkouskis, a general practitioner who works in emergency at York-Finch, beds have been at a premium all year, with most of those who come to the hospital being sent to downtown hospitals because of the lack of active treatment beds.

"We actually have people hired whose job is to find out when beds open up in other hospitals in the city. People are, in fact, waiting in line for someone downtown to die so that they can get a bed."

NDP health critic Michael



York-Finch Hospital: Cutbacks this summer.

Breaugh said in a telephone interview that hospitals in Toronto would be hard-put to cope with any crisis such as a major airplane crash or the encephalitis scare of last summer.

A member of the Social Development Committee of the legislature which looked into hospital planning and financing for the province, Breaugh said that "what developed (from the committee's findings), was a rather scathing account of the health policy of the minister."

Breaugh came down on government policy toward hospital cut backs.

"Cut backs should not be made until alternative care methods have been found. New methods of chronic care treatment should be looked into, such as less costly home care for the chronically ill."

At present many patients who should be in chronic care beds are being placed in the more

costly, active treatment beds because there are not enough chronic care facilities.

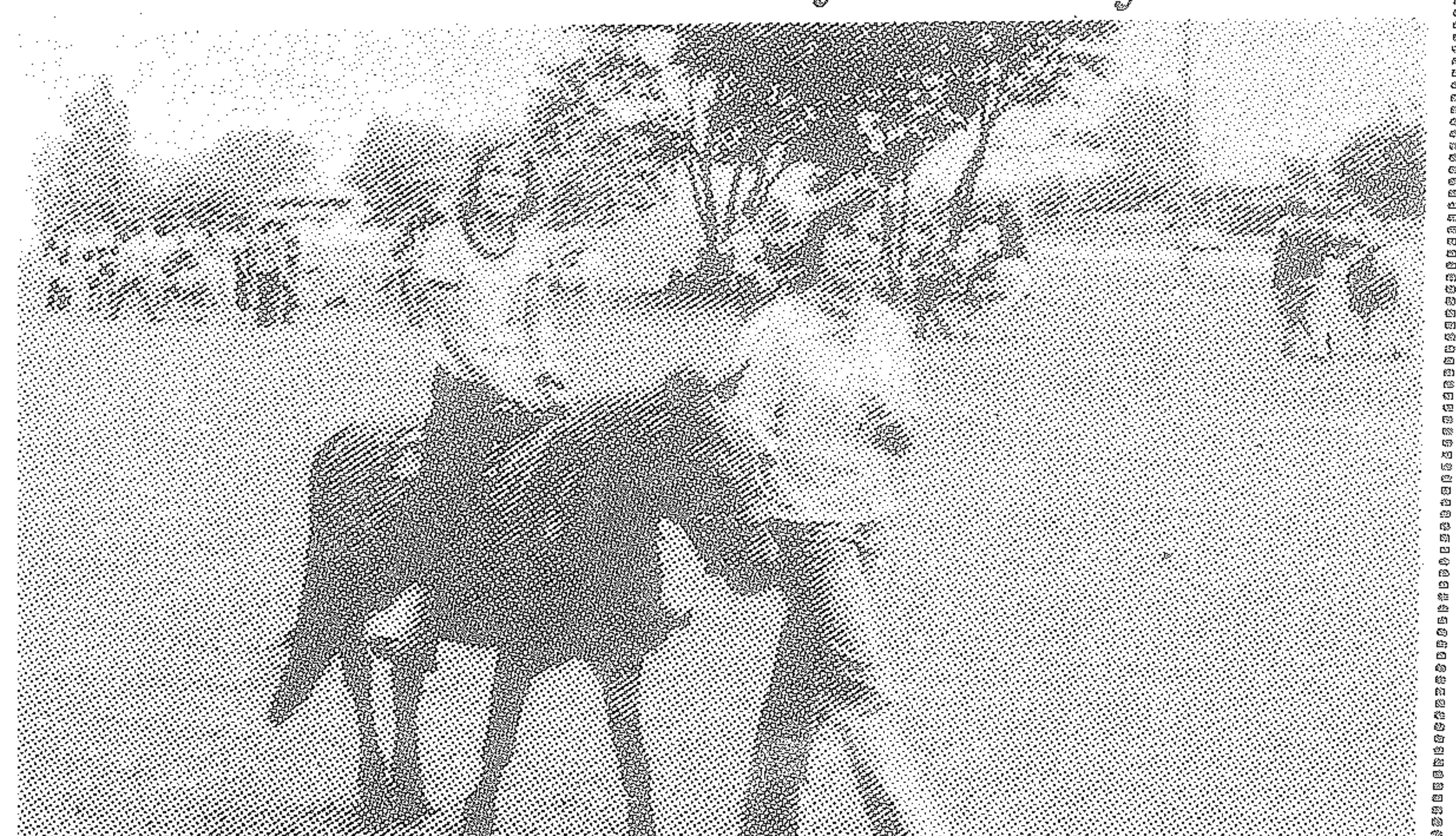
"Of course they're put into active treatment beds. What else can you do with an elderly stroke victim in need of care? There is no where else for them to go," said Dr. Salkouskis.

Contacted for his comment on the situation, York-Finch administration head, Sidney Renton, said that he expects that the hospital will be able to manage "reasonably well" throughout the summer.

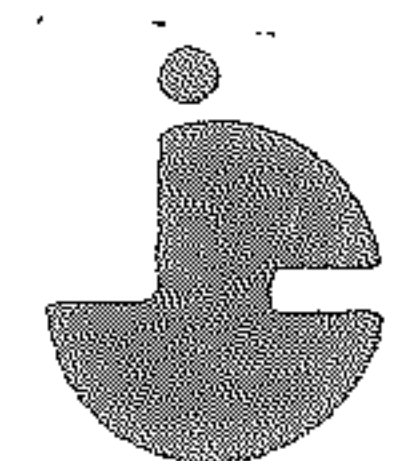
"I would say that York-Finch manages to serve 96 per cent of this community's needs. For the month of June there has been an average of one patient transfer a day. No one's life has been endangered . . . no one is ever turned away from the hospital, we always find alternate care for them."

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It was a Canada Day for everyone!



Double celebrations highlighted Canada Day at Costi and University City. See page 6.



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Hospital cutbacks

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Renton did say, however, that the government's funding policies make it difficult to operate a hospital.

"Right now we are two months into the budget year and we are already over."

Dr. Salkouskis also feels that the situation is the result of poor management on the government's part.

"It's not really the administration's fault. The responsibility is in the hands of the government. I don't think that they have any idea what is going on here because, frankly, they never ask us.

"They are ignorant about what it's like to have a heart attack victim waiting hours in emergency because there are no beds available, and you have to try and find him one somewhere in the city. It's not the government who has to find him the bed either — it's the active duty

doctor working in emergency with 30 other patients waiting for him. Or a harried nurse who has the person's family screaming at her to do something about the situation."

Health Minister Dennis Timbrell has said that hospitals should do more about converting active treatment beds into chronic care beds.

This would allow the hospital to have more beds more open at less cost and would free more active treatment beds for patients who need them.

Dr. Salkouskis agrees that more chronic care beds is the answer but feels that individual hospitals are not the right place for the beds.

"People may misunderstand the purpose of neighbourhood hospitals such as York-Finch.

This hospital is not set up to handle large numbers of chronic care patients, most of those who visit York-Finch stay for an average of one week," he said.

letters

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Canada should open its doors to 100,000 refugees

Dear Editor,

Canada should take 100,000 boat people this year. We should do so because simple decency requires more than the present tokenism as a response to this tragedy. And we should do so not only because we can handle a group of this size, but because we can benefit and even profit from their presence here.

It is true that Canada cannot solve the world refugee problem, even by opening its doors completely, a policy which I am not suggesting. Taking 10 times 100,000 would still leave millions homeless in Indo-China. We must assert pressure on the Communist countries whose racist policies have caused this exodus. The proposed refugee conference and the United Nations General Assembly will provide world forums to test world conscience.

Toronto media lacks objectivity

Dear Editor,

We students at Westview are lucky that the Jane Corridor News does not employ sensationalizing reporters such as those at many of Toronto's major TV stations and daily newspapers.

Time and again, the media has presented inaccurate, sensationalized, and absurd reports of violence and vandalism in and around our schools.

I was extremely disturbed to learn that a major Toronto TV station filmed and broadcasted a rock fight that was staged by some Westview students who just wanted to get on TV.

The amount of abuse that Westview has taken because of irresponsible reporting, should not be tolerated. Westview is the North York gymnastics champions and the Canadian stage band champions. Now is the time for a real view of what Westview is.

Wayne Burnett

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But in the meantime, Canadians have to live with themselves. What right will we have to speak out if we do less? No country is in a position to do more. We are the most pluralistic society. We have the most space. We are relatively rich. We claim a proud humanitarian tradition. We owe more than a gesture this year, because we haven't always lived up to our potential in the past.

Those Canadians, including many of the letter-writers to this paper, who see refugee immigration as a threat, should consider the following: The Communists don't want these people partly because they don't fit into the Communist value system. They are professionals, skilled workers, entrepreneurs, individualists whose culture develops self-starters. The ethnic Chinese are not likely candidates for long-term support by their hosts.

And, in any case, Canada has a refugee policy which does not put substantial burdens on the taxpayer. The policy is to get a promissory note from each refugee for his cost of travel, hospitality and extraordinary services of integration. Immigration records show that over 95 per cent of past refugee notes have been paid in short order and in full. This group of immigrants

will be prepared to take any jobs to get started.

One of the reasons Canada's economic growth has slowed in this decade is that we have deliberately cut down the flow of immigration into Canada — and we are each paying an economic price for this restraint. For a number of reasons, Canadians have lost sight of the fact that immigrants are an asset and that labor is a resource, not a liability.

Does anyone doubt that we can find space in our schools and unemployed teachers to help in the orientation of new arrivals? Can our construction industry presently in its worst slump since the Diefenbaker years, meet the challenge of 100,000 additional people to sell homes to? Can the retail sector handle 100,000 more customers?

And if other wealthy countries which do not take immigrants provide some financial assistance to the process, can the Canadian dollar cope with the upward pressure which would result?

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sports

First place Downsview team needs sponsor

By Armando Cappuccitti

The Hamilton Italo-Canadians comprising 15 players under 23, is coached by Joe Buccella and managed by Howard Lo. Many team members live in the Jane-Finch area.

The team is part of the Downsview Soccer Club, but is a representative of the Hamilton Italo-Canadians which plays in the National Soccer League first division.

The Italo-Canadians are in first place with a record of seven wins and no losses. The team

members who are all enthusiastic and hard-working, practise about two or three times a week and usually play two games a week.

Team coach, Joe Buccella can be given most of the credit for the team's early success, thanks to his experience and knowledge of soccer.

Two years ago, he led a Downsview team to the Canadian championship.

But the Italo-Canadians do not have a sponsor yet and are in desperate need of one. This sea-

son's costs for running the team have been approximately \$2,500. Most of this has come from the pockets of Joe Buccella and Howard Lo. The team's major expenses have been taken care of, but a sponsor is still desperately needed.

In return for a donation, the team is willing to advertise for the sponsor by putting the company name on the backs of the team jerseys.

If anyone is interested in sponsoring the Hamilton Italo-Canadians, please call Howard Lo at 661-9694.



Top Row: (L. to R.) Joe Buccella (coach), Domenic Del Aguilla, Joe Carnevale, Jeff Schoreman, Danny Civitarese, Joey Del Monte.

Bottom Row: (L. to R.) Fred Barbieri, Vince Ursini, Frank Aliamo, Armando Cappuccitti, Fred Rotondo, Ivan Zamatta. Absent: Leroy Blake & Howie Lo (manager)

entertainment

Stratford in the Suburbs: Macabre Tale of the Absurd

By Seth Borts

The Jane corridor area has experienced a little of the spirit of Stratford in the suburbs, with Campshade Theatre's production of Leonardo's Last Supper, performed at the York Woods Library Theatre, 1785 Finch Ave. West.

This extremely reasonable assimilation for an Elizabethan contemporary work was actually written by British playwright Peter Barnes in 1969. It's so real you almost feel like catching the bubonic plague.

After a slow start that drags on far too long, with lighting that could have been much better planned, the play opens. But the slow start proves to be a false start as this fascinating macabre tale of the absurd begins to bind your attention.

Lasca (played hatefully yet with true anti-hero lovability by Mike McLeister) is a medieval semi-madman of an undertaker. After being duly punished as an apothecar — for selling low-grade human excrement as a cure for the plague — Lasca is cast out of Florence and into his current

undertakings. He'll do anything for profit and to prove his own self-worth.

By sheer stroke of luck, not necessarily good, he comes into possession of the body of the great Leonardo Da Vinci (aptly played with suitable inscrutability and pathos by Lane White).

Lasca is an ambitious man — so is his wife, played by Maya Toman with supposed middle age veneer, that didn't hide her appeal as a sensual, earth-momma type.

Maria comes on like a sort of cross between housewife and mother tart and true image of the wicked witch of the west. One assumes that she's the average medieval woman behind her average medieval man.

Unfortunately Lasca's son is not behind. But instead, he's beside him — undoubtedly on his left. Lasca fervently tries to explain the fiscal facts of life to his son. He looks around a bone strewn hell-hole which is his funeral parlour office, and explains to his son . . . "One day this will be all yours . . ."

And so we have the plot — a battle between generations, with

the genius of mankind represented by Da Vinci who is caught in the middle, and the ending, which can make you mad at the author for being so irreverent to the flower of genius in man. But in growth, true genius is often mislaid until found again by future generations.

By Tammy Laber

In *Lost and Found*, currently playing at the Odeon theatre at Finch and Dufferin, Glenda Jackson and George Segal just never learn when to quit.

Neither does Paul Sorvino, who plays a priest-confessor town taxi driver who simply won't shut-up. The problem may stem from writer-director Melvin Frank and co-author Jack Rose. After their 1973 hit, *A Touch of Class*, they couldn't let a good thing go, and decided to continue using the same formula in the hopes of achieving another success.

Cricket booms in North York: Jamboree at Elia

By George Black

For people in the area of Elia Junior High School on Sentinel Rd., Saturday, June 9 was a bit of an unusual day. Four junior high schools — host Elia, Jane, Oakdale and C.B. Parsons, played in the first Elia Cricket Jamboree. The sight of 44 boys, all dressed in white playing this fine old gentlemanly game was an unusual sight indeed.

The Jamboree was a round robin affair, won overall by Elia, 71-47 over Oakdale. But the real winners were the boys who had the opportunity to play a game which they know and love.

Cricket is a sport which is now, and will be in the future, undergoing a boom period here in North York. North York Parks and Recreation is in the process of organizing and beginning a Youth Cricket League to offer

young men the opportunity to play cricket this summer. Undoubtedly their efforts will be appreciated by cricket enthusiasts.

The quality of play and gentlemanly manner exhibited by the players involved, made the Elia Jamboree an unqualified success. Organized by Neil Stokes, a geography teacher at Elia, the program also featured performances by the Elia School Band and the Elia Steel Band.

The winners received a trophy donated by Member of Parliament, Bob Kaplan. Stalwarts for the Oakdale team in their games against Jane and Elia were Delroy Taylor, Latchmanen Pun-sammy and Jagdeep Suri who both bowled and batted very well.

Plans are already being made for next year's Jamboree and we are looking forward to it.

Another victory!

On Sunday, June 17, the Hamilton Italo-Canadians hosted London City in a National Soccer League under 23 division match at Lamport Station in Toronto.

It proved to be an especially hard-fought battle in the heat and humidity, with the Italo-Canadians winning 1-0.

The Italo-Canadians kept the London squad under cons-

tant pressure throughout the match and finally Italo-Canadian forward Leroy Blake put one past the London City goalkeeper in the 88th minute to make the score 1-0.

The win was the Italo-Canadians' fourth win in as many games. With the win over second place London City, they now have a firm hold on first place.



L to R: Michael McLeister (Angelo Lasca); Lane White (Leonardo Da Vinci); Maya Toman (Maria Lasca).

Lost and Found may be hazardous to your health

Well, the chemistry wasn't right this time. Segal, Jackson and Sorvino are as terrific as before, but the script is weak and the jokes are corny. While the film is occasionally cute, it's also pretty predictable.

Segal plays a newly-widowed English professor in search of academic tenure (the college key to never getting fired). Jackson is a recently-divorced secretary named Tricia, who obeys Segal's mother in her demands that her only son get all the support he needs to be an intellectual superstar. Unfortunately all the help-mating in the world (a role the powerful and witty "Tricia" seems

above anyway) isn't going to help this mama's boy make it in the ivory tower.

He has too many distractions that encourage procrastination — his 22-year-old gorgeous research assistant (played by Canadian Hollis McLaren) and booze, as well as the fact that he's competing for the job with his colleague who also happens to be his best friend.

Lost and Found is a fun family film (rated PG) that could be enjoyable if you can bear the groaners. However, if you hate slapstick humor, the film (rather than love) may be "hazardous to your health".

School system needs new priorities

Inner City Suburbia: "Students in today's suburbs need more than just the 3Rs...they need care and understanding"

By Peter McLaren

Peter McLaren is presently teaching at Driftwood Public School, and is chairman of SNIC (Special Need-Inner City Schools). Next year he will be working on his PHD at O.I.S.E., developing a program to meet the needs of the children of the Jane-Finch community. He is also the author of a forthcoming book, "Corridor Kids," which deals with his experiences teaching in the community.

Teaching elementary school for the past five years on North York's "inner city" beat in the Jane-Finch corridor makes me uneasy whenever I hear the "back-to the basics" or "forward to the fundamentals" advocates begin their incessant banter for more classroom stress on the 3Rs.

There is a new reality in today's suburban schools which demands greater emphasis on social skills and psychological competence than the stress on these academic fundamentals can provide.

Propagandists of the "back to basics" approach seem to possess a mania for jumping on public bandwagons destined to reward them with broad media exposure and mass approval.

They argue doggedly for the type of teachers and for the system that they remember managed to keep them in line when they, themselves, went to school. (There was always the memory of a huge hairy arm that came out of nowhere, slammed you against the cement wall, and held you pinned there like a Goliath vice). Critics who like to remember how their hearts pounded for hours afterwards, now label the experience — respect.

Suburban conditions are changing

The report of the Metro Social Planning Council (April, 1979), said that "suburban schools are now facing a range of similar conditions that inner city schools in the city have faced for many years. They are having to face these conditions, however, in a time of economic instability, declining enrolment, and in a different political climate."

In 1976, almost one out of every six North York families with children were one-parent families. This proportion has increased significantly.

Other changes include the rapid growth of the number of immigrant children, but more significant is the increasing number or diversity of immigrant groups.

The formal and informal supports which have traditionally existed for new Canadians no longer exist for large numbers of immigrants that now flood our suburbs. These immigrants are expected to integrate into Canadian life far sooner than previous generations of immigrants.

While the number of new immigrants to Metro will decline

significantly from over 50,000 a year to around 30,000 in light of new federal ceilings (100,000 a year for Canada), the suburbs will continue to absorb at least half of all new immigrants to Metro.

The prototype suburban family — father in the labor force, mother at home full-time, ownership of a ground level home with private open space, two to four children, homogenous neighbours — is no longer the reality of the 70's.

Because of a wide variety of circumstances and social forces at work, an expanding segment of our suburban population neither enjoys nor has access to the same quality of life as the larger proportion of the populace. For many residents this "new reality" means high density living, low income, unemployment and in some cases, a loss of dignity and feeling of powerlessness to change the circumstances of their lives.

The report of the Metro Social Planning Council said that suburban schools now contain almost 44 per cent of the children from families on social assistance.

"Cultural diversity" for immigrant students in rapid growth North York districts like the Jane-Finch corridor, Flemington Park and Lawrence Heights, often means separation from family and friends, language difficulties and painful adjustments to a new culture.

Must re-examine priorities

I am not trying to assert that a "back to the basics" approach of reading, writing and math aren't important for immigrant students. What I will try to get across is that there are even greater priorities in today's suburban schools, and this is especially true in today's "inner city" suburbs.

The school classroom becomes the focus in which all the adjustment difficulties of immigrant children become evident. Many of these children come from deprived environments and often lack certain experiences that are essential to academic progress. Often the beginning of their new school careers is met with failure that sets up a block towards learning that repeats itself over the years.

Initial failure in learning often sets up a vicious circle in which future failure is more likely to occur. Many immigrant students

develop an extremely negative attitude towards school and an inability to cope with the academic curriculum often sows early seeds of resentment against teachers and society in general.

"Inner city" suburbs is like an abyss that opens suddenly beneath our feet when we learn about the consequences of what it is like to be new to the country and poor, with no way out of the cycle.

If poverty isn't bad enough, the media encourages a grasping at the frostings of the middle class economic pie.

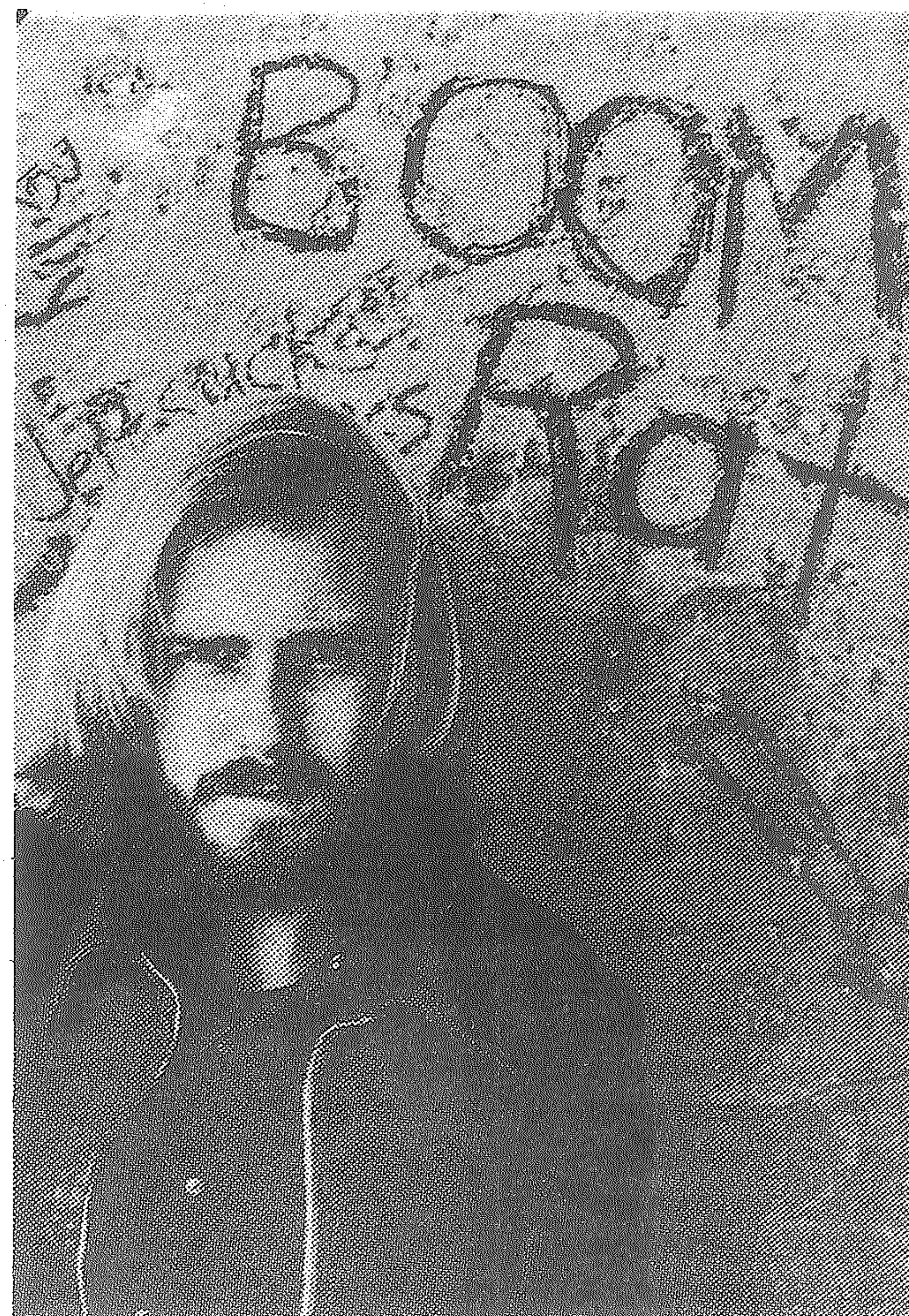
Curriculum technicians in our boards of education and ministry offices, who still persist in viewing the world with neo-classical economic analyses, will continue to believe the myth that the inner city child is basically lazy, lacks ambition, and if he really "puts out," could eject himself from his unfortunate surroundings through the wonders of the 3Rs. **Kids "play the system"**

Inner city kids (and a surprising number of teachers) intuitively know many of our school programs are irrelevant. The kids quickly learn to play the system. They learn to survive because on the streets they have learned the skills to survive. Some are content to just "get by".

Many an inner city teacher's reaction to the rumpled bodies and rueful glances of the students is to take the "strongarm" approach, to lash out in a dictatorial fashion, establish an atmosphere of inquisitorial closeness to the classroom setting, and proceed to concentrate on "good deportment" and the 3Rs.

But to the dismay of both students and teachers, this strategy eventually gets dumped into the dustbin of failure.

The new reality of the subur-



Peter McLaren on inner city "location" in downtown Toronto

Photo: Barbara

ban inner city is an incredibly complex skein of interwoven potencies — too overwhelming to bring simplistic solutions such as the 3Rs into the foray.

In the "synthetic suburbs" of troubled and damaged kids, attempts to introduce a more relevant curriculum to meet the social and emotional needs of children are comparable to re-introducing vitamins into a breakfast cereal that has already had most of the vital nourishing ingredients removed during the processing.

Need to strengthen dignity

If schools in our inner city communities are to become really effective, then we must stop bickering about a return to the 3Rs and provide students with social skills that will strengthen their belief in the dignity of their own lives.

• North York trustees and administrators must acknowledge the "new reality" of inner city suburbia and provide adequate support systems for its immigrant student population in the form of ESL programs (English-as-a-second language), guidance counsellors and special education facilities.

• Schools must re-examine their character and provide diverse experience with opportunities for

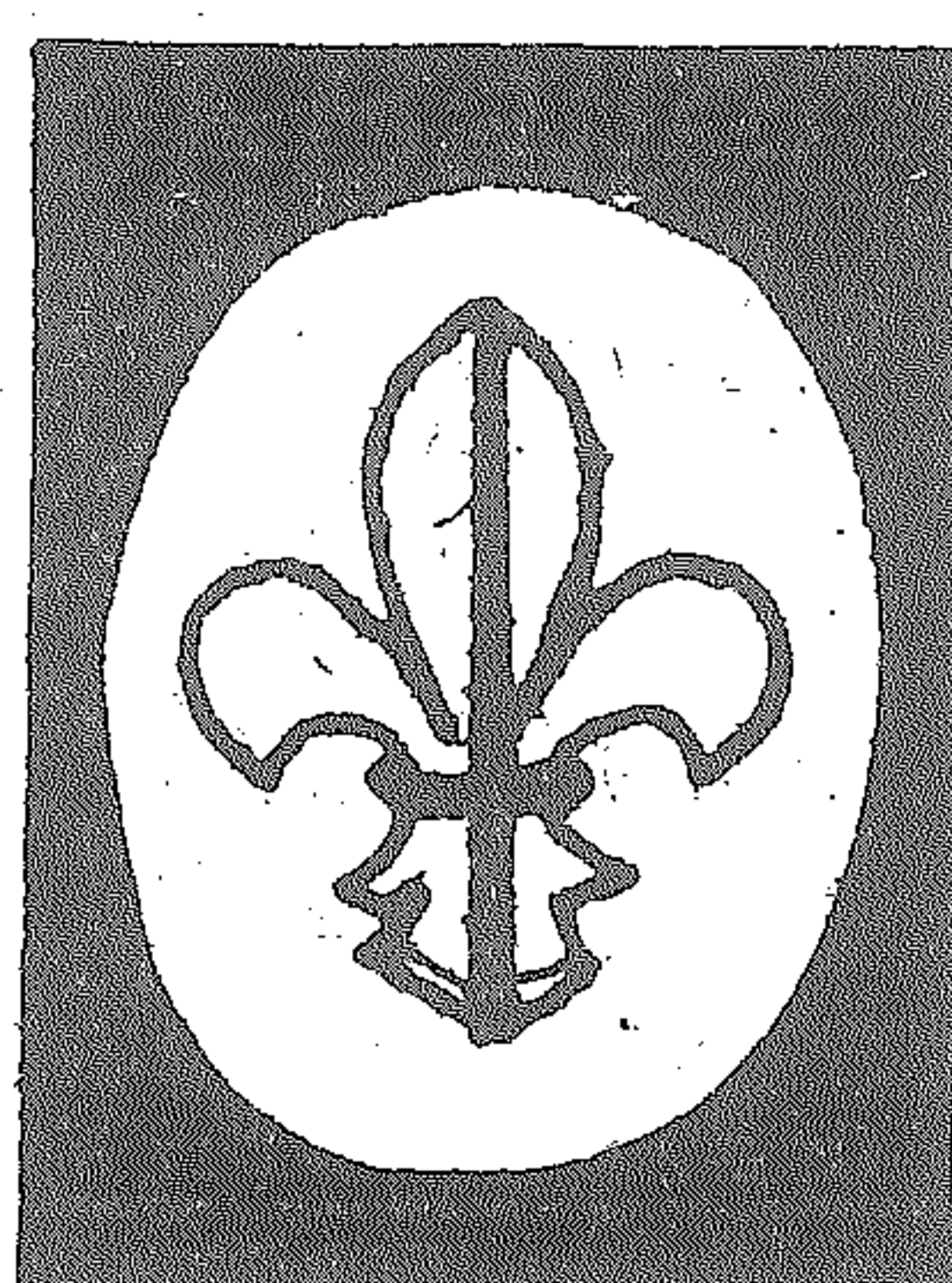
youth to learn how to have responsibility.

• An emphasis on "life skills" — teaching students how to make the best use of their own environment, would be a welcome result from most approaches designed for middle class communities which the only educational realities are practical means to productive middle class ends.

• We must prevent immigrant students from facing a situation of alienation on one side, a school system which, through lack of understanding and sensitivity among some trustees, administrators and teachers, is increasing their alienation rather than dissipating it.

Only then will it make sense to concentrate our efforts on "basics" where we can continue our fight to bridge the chasm between a world of pre-programmed, pre-packaged, and predetermined social expectations and the world of inner meaning and a search for a truer and just community.

Until educators and sociologists as a whole are able to find ways of making the school system relevant to the needs of the "suburbanites," students will continue to make humorous, bawling, scurrilous and abusive uses of the notion of education it now stands.



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Locksley McLean	age 15

Congratulations to all winners and to all others, try again this month!

St. Jane Frances Separate School honors the Year of the Child

By Anne Marie Weir, Grade Eight

In commemoration of The International Year of the Child, St. Jane Frances students and staff set aside the week of May 28 as International Children's Week. A folk dance and art festival introducing numerous countries of the world through dance, song and art highlighted the weeks activities.

Monday's 2:00 p.m. Command Performance was a musical review of all the contributions the students have made since the beginning of the school year.

Excerpts from the Christmas play, the Wizard of Oz and other individual student efforts were featured. Don MacKinnon intro-

duced a new song composed by a Seventh-Grade class in honor of the occasion. At the same time special commemoration was afforded Maria Ramirez of Mexico, a child sponsored over the last few years through World Vision. The entire week's efforts were in her honor and students were encouraged to write to her personally.

Each day of the week featured special division songs and dances at assemblies with a Wednesday Parents' Night performance. Thursday's assembly featured the Intermediate Division and guests from St. Camillo School.

The week culminated with the Westview Centennial Secondary School Steel Band performance

on Friday and a primary stage presentation by visiting actors entitled Ensemble Nous.

Through music, dance and art, children visited far away Japan, China, Samoa, Sri Lanka, Europe, Canada and the United States.

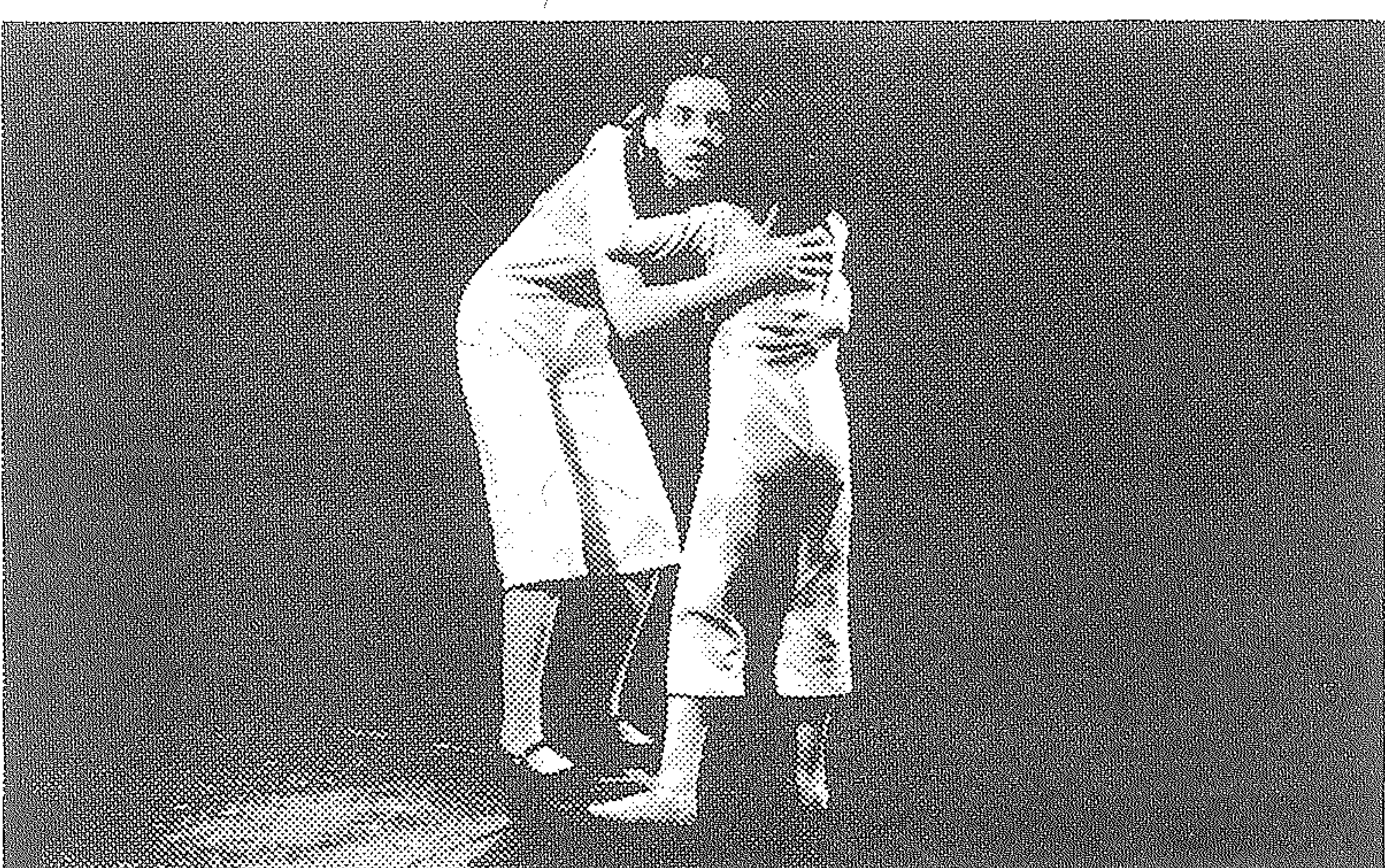
It was an exhilarating week for students directed and improvised by and enthusiastic staff who joined in themselves.

St. Jane Frances School will remember the International Year of The Child and Maria Ramirez Week for a long time. We say thank you to all our teachers for an educational and a fun time.

Knowing and doing were our first steps in understanding.



The first all Children's Theatre sponsored by York University.



July Theatre Festival for Children

York University's Faculty of Fine Arts and the City of North York, with financial assistance from Wintario, will present Summer Festival '79, a three-week arts festival July 9 to 28, featuring top flight entertainment for children.

The largest of its kind in the Metro area, Summer Festival '79 celebrates the International Year of the Child.

The Ririe-Woodbury Dance Company from Salt Lake City will perform at York University's Burton Auditorium. This modern dance company will present two programs — one oriented to children's tastes, using an original combination of narration and audience participation, and one oriented to adults' tastes.

The childrens' programs will be held July 17 and 18 at 2:00 p.m. Ticket prices are \$4.50 for adults and \$2.50 for children.

The adult programs take place on July 19 and 20 at 8:00 p.m. with ticket prices at \$6.

Free at Driftwood

Summer Festival '79 will also present several productions free of charge in community centres in North York.

Driftwood Community Centre will present Toronto Story Theatre on Monday, July 16 at 2:00 p.m. The performance will consist of four stories based on folk tales.

The Pepi Puppet Theatre will present Hansel and Gretel at Driftwood, on Monday, July 23 at 2:00 p.m.

Remember... all the shows at Driftwood Community Centre are free!

For more information on the July Theatre Festival for Children, call 667-3237.

Oakdale Graduation

By George Black

Thursday, June 21, was an eventful day for this year's Grade Nine students at Oakdale Junior High School. They celebrated the end of the 1978-79 school year with their graduation exercises and dance.

The Valedictorian, David Neary, addressed the students and their parents and expressed very eloquently, his affection and gratitude for the three years he has spent at the school.

Master of Ceremonies, Miss Sharon Scott, co-ordinated a program which included presentation of Academic Achievement Awards to Dan and David O'Brien, and Contribution to School Life Awards to Vidia Babooram and Paul Gialledakis. Also recognized for her involvement in the life of school was Carmen Herbert.

The dance following the awards presentation featured disc jockey "Funky Joe", and was dedicated to the theme Stairway to Heaven.

Special thanks must to Mr. W. Balmer for his hard work and dedication in making this a very memorable occasion for all who attended.

Best wishes for a happy and successful future are extended to all students leaving Oakdale.

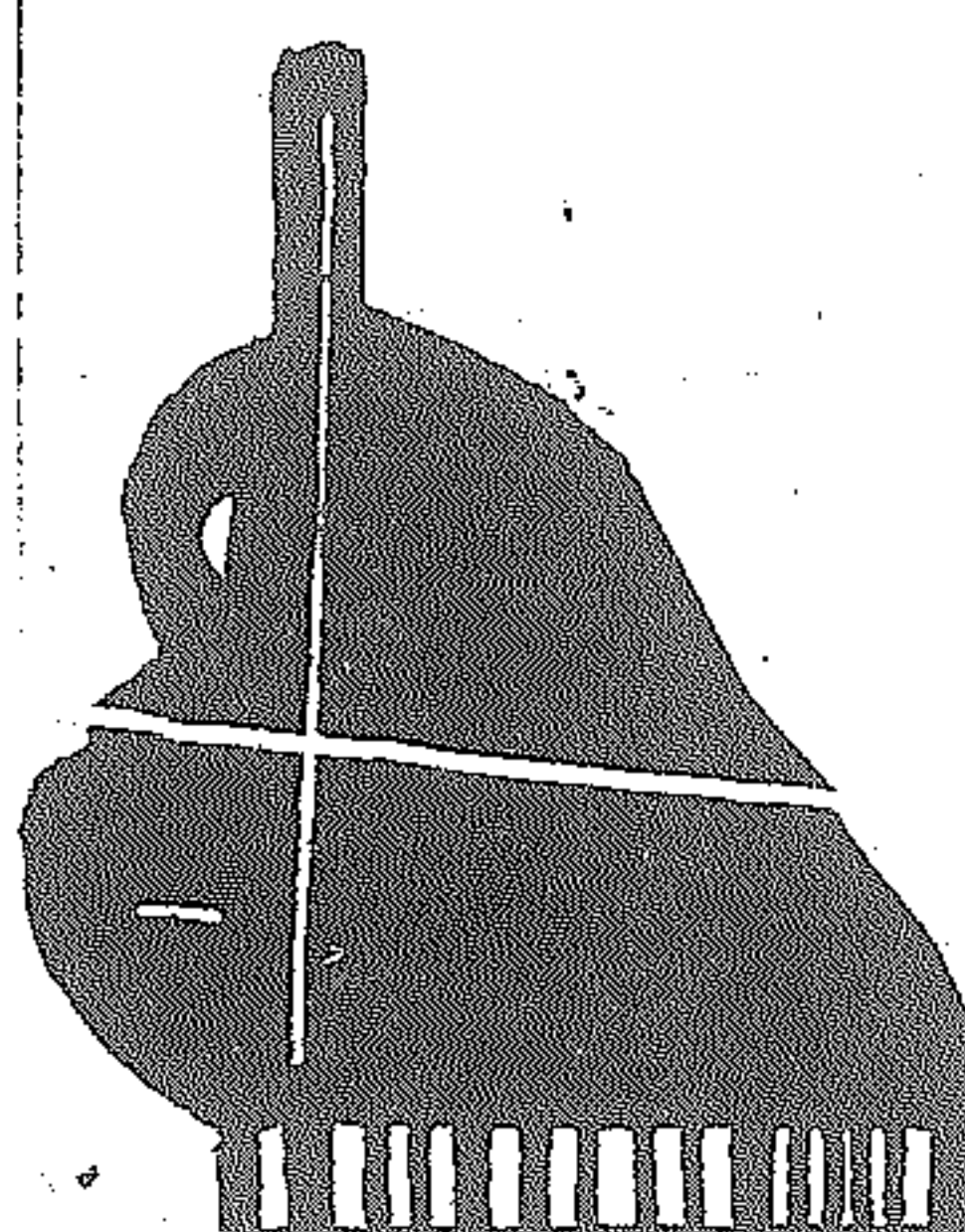
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A Canada Day For Everyone!

At University City . . .

University City enjoyed a gala Canada Day. In spite of the poor weather, groups of children, and adults began entering the grounds early in the day.

Kids delighted in the parade with clowns and bike decorations, while others were able to satisfy their appetites with the watermelon and pizza-eating contests. There wasn't any bromo on hand, but plenty of other refreshments to quench any thirst.



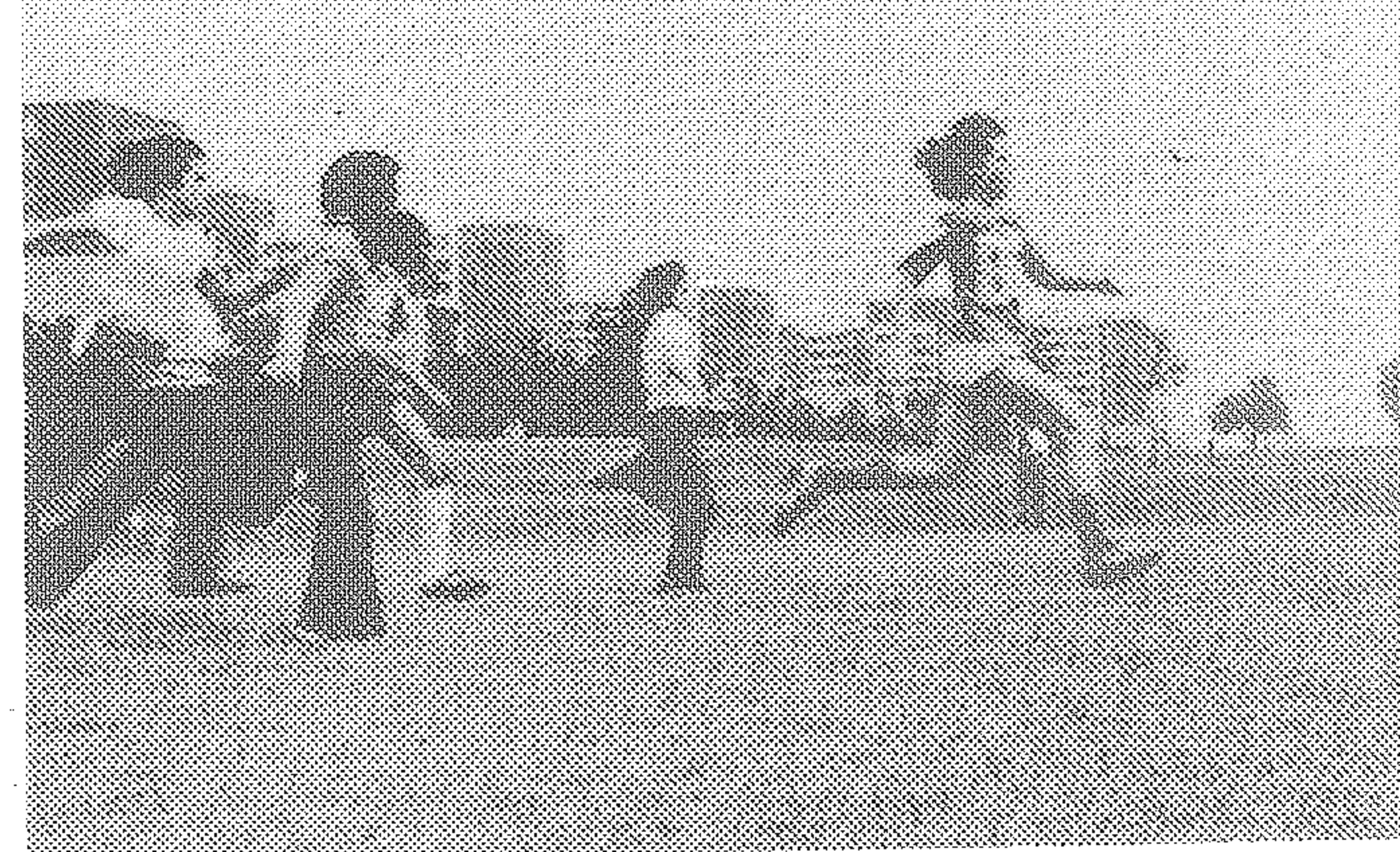
It's a tough relay for kids in the pool.



Clowns and bikes spiced up the University City Canada Day parade.



Plenty of activities to keep everyone busy!



Three-legged races, sack races, relay races and lots more kept Canada Day celebrators hopping on July 1.

. . . And COSTI

As clouds and drizzle eventually made way for sunny skies, Canada Day celebrators began arriving late in the afternoon on July 1, to the Costi Centre, 108 Spenvalley Rd. They listened to and watched Polish dancers (straight from their engagement at Caravan), and Tony Silvani's six-piece Italian band.

Costi's twin themes — a celebration of the roots of new Canadians, and a celebration of Canada's 112th birthday — were evident in the decorations which filled the auditorium and second floor rooms.

Stands with flags, travel brochures, posters and arts and crafts of over 12 countries and several Canadian provinces, attracted those who came to enjoy the festivities.

Meanwhile, outside on the playing field, soccer, baseball and bocci games got underway in the afternoon, as everyone from 15-year-old church league soccer players, to senior citizens playing bocci participated in the events.

Costi's Canada Day was indeed a day for everyone!



St. Augustine and St. Bernard summer church soccer teams play on the Spenvalley field — spirits were high despite the threatening rain



Tony Silvani Band plays for adults and children during Costi's Canada Day celebrations.



Community senior citizens play bocci along side the soccer and baseball games.

North Yprk Parks and Recreation

Learn Gymnastics This Summer

The North York Parks and Recreation Department is offering a summer gymnastics program for girls at Elia Junior High, 215 Sentinel Road, Downsview, Ontario.

The program incorporates techniques and skills of artistic gymnastics, floor exercises, modern rhythmic and dance. Participants must be a minimum of 8 years of age as of June 3, 1979.

The program will operate from July 16 — 27, July 30 — August 10 and August 13 — 24 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Each session costs \$55. For further information and a brochure, call Dan Oreskovich at 224-6261.

Cricket League

Do you want to play cricket? If the answer is yes you should know that the North York Parks and Recreation Department is organizing a Cricket League for July and August 1979.

For a \$5 registration fee you are entitled to the use of cricket equipment, attendance at coaching clinics and participation in tournaments.

For further information call 224-6247.

Summer Youth Centres

This summer the North York Parks and Recreation Department will be operating 19 Youth Centres at various locations across North York from July 3 to August 17.

Youth Centres are places where young people ages 12 to 17 or students entering Grade Seven can have an exciting summer with their friends.

The hours and days of operation vary from centre to centre but are generally afternoons and evenings, Monday to Friday.

For details about the Youth Centre in your neighbourhood call North York Parks and Recreation Department, Youth Services Division at 224-6262.

SUMMER TINY TOT PROGRAM

Tiny Tots is a recreation program of music, crafts and games for children aged 3 — 5 years of age. These programs are co-sponsored by parent committees and the City of North York Parks and Recreation Department.

A small fee as well as a parent volunteering their time in the planning, operation and evaluation of the program is required when you are registering your child.

Most of the 40 programs located throughout the North York are filled, however we do have a few openings available at the following locations:

Brookbanks Tiny Tots 447-0296
Three Valleys Tiny Tots 445-4760
Muirhead Tiny Tots 493-2707
Banbury Tiny Tots 445-4830

Call TODAY for further information.

York-Finch General Hospital

New Hospice Care Program Needs "Special" Volunteers.

Over the past two years a quiet movement called "Hospice Care" has infiltrated the hospital corridors. Dr. S. Fleming, psychologist at York University, assisted by Mrs. M. De Graaf, Hospice Care Nurse, have been lending support to staff working with the terminally ill patients as well as to the patients and their families.

Now the program is ready to accept volunteers who would be interested in assisting in this very special area.

Volunteers may be expected to do a wide variety of jobs, from hospital visiting to home visits, driving for shopping or treatments, homemaking or family sitting, even bereavement support. Training will be extensive and volunteers as a part of a caring team will be supported by members of hospital staff, public health and the Hospice Care personnel.

If you are interested, please call Mrs. Lee 744-2631 anytime during the summer. Interviews will be conducted in September and trainings begin in October.

Summer Service Trainings are now in progress. Once again, interviewing and training is in progress of the new prospective youth volunteers needed to keep the services functioning during the summer months. An extensive training program is necessary, especially for those involved in the Special Summer Service. This is because these Summer

Service volunteers spend more time on the patient levels helping to make beds, delivering ice water and mail, visiting patients and assisting with feeding of adults and children.

Volunteer Centre

The Rehabilitation Action Program, or R.A.P., a befriending program devoted providing a "one-to-one" contact with people who have had mental health care, has an urgent need for volunteers. They need people to establish social relationships and support for individuals who have had treatment for emotional problems and to help them return to living comfortably within the community.

No special skills are required except for being warm, friendly and interested in helping others. An excellent orientation, as well as, ongoing training and support are provided. Since the times involved are very flexible, this would be suitable for someone who works or goes to school.

For further information about this volunteer opportunity, please contact the North York Volunteer Centre at 481-6194.

Jane Finch Red Cross

The Jane-Finch Red Cross office located at 25 Yorkwoods Gate (Yorkwoods Public School) is looking for volunteer drivers, to assist seniors and handicapped persons who need transportation to hospitals and Doctor's offices.

A vehicle is available for use at the Jane-Finch office.

For drivers using their own cars there is a mileage allowance.

Drivers must have valid drivers license.

For information call Donna Wilson 630-4560

A.I.D.

The Jane-Finch Red Cross is starting an A.I.D. (Assistance International And Domestic) program at 25 Yorkwoods Gate (Yorkwoods Public School). A.I.D. members make craft items for resale to raise money for the needy all over the world and in Canada. If you can knit, crochet or sew (or would like to learn) join us.

For further information call Donna Wilson at 630-4560, or Phyllis O'Brien at 630-8438.

Civic Centre Concerts

The City of North York is pleased to announce that Sunday afternoon concerts will be held at the Civic Centre.

These concerts will be held outdoors in front of the Civic Centre starting on June 17, and continuing to September 9, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Sunday Concert Series is made available by the City of North York in co-operation with the Music Performance Trust Fund, and the help of the Toronto Musicians' Association.

In honour of the International Year of the Child, special Saturday Afternoon Fine Arts Festivals will be held on July 14, 21, and 28 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. These Saturday Festivals are funded through the City of North York, Wintario and York University Department of Fine Arts.

The public is invited to come and hear these concerts which are free of charge. For further information please contact Mrs. Anna Di Ruscio, Director of Information Services — 224-6083.

United Church Outreach Volunteers needed

The United Church Outreach Ministry in the Jane-Finch corridor sponsors sports and recreational programs at the Yorkwoods Gate Community Centre, 20 Yorkwoods Gate Community 20 Yorkwoods Gate, on:

Tuesdays:

6:00 — 11:00 p.m. for teenage girls.

Wednesdays:

6:00 — 7:30 p.m. for ages 10 — 15.

8:00 — 11:00 p.m. — youth activities.

Volunteers are needed to help organize and supervise these programs. Those interested may call Rev. Winston Brown — 652-3423.

Summer reading program

Children between the ages of 5 and 12, can learn all kinds of arts and crafts, and join a great summer reading program.

The Mobile Outreach Department of the North York Public Library system will be coming to you at the following locations and times:

Mondays: 10:00 — 12:00 p.m.

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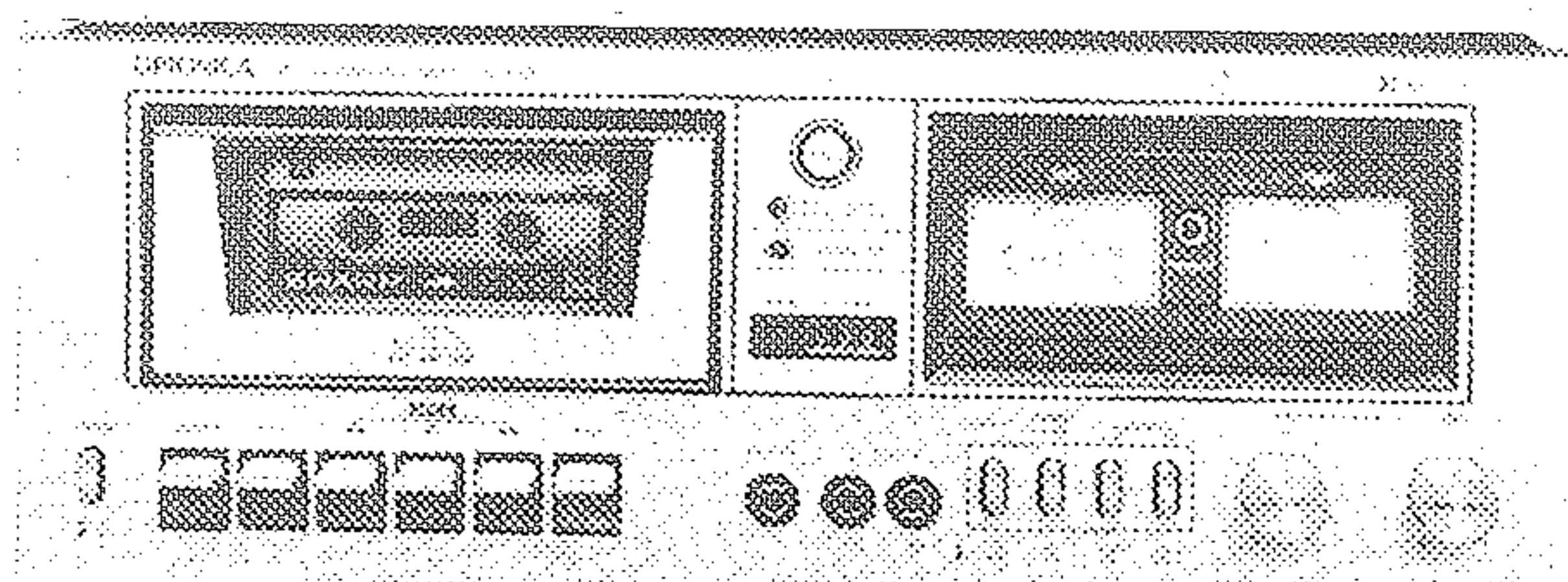
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Violence in our schools . . . from page 1

Board officials, however, maintain that not only is there a problem of violence, but also a problem in the way it's being handled.

Board of Education Director, Karl Kinsinger, said "our reaction to rotten behavior is rotten. When our reaction improves, the acts of violence will decrease."

Kinsinger also admitted that there is a problem, and that improved training of personnel, improved reporting procedures, greater input from the community, and values-training for students should help lessen the problem.

Can't hide from it

"We have tried to deal with violence in a variety of ways," said Kinsinger. "And one of the ways we tried to deal with it is by hiding it. By dealing with it in a very low-key, quiet manner — and there's been a great reluctance on the part of school administrators and staff even to admit that things of this sort had been happening."

Kinsinger admitted that vandalism and fist-fights have always been a part of school life, and added that "a number of incidents taking place now are probably more bizarre than when I was in high school."

For instance, David Skitch

student representative on the North York Board of Education's committee on violence, said that vandals recently chopped down \$1,500 worth of shrubbery, and others threw molotov cocktails at Victoria Park Secondary School.

"Racial conflict and frustration"

In April, 1978, a report to the Violence in the Schools committee cited peer groups pressure, racial conflict, and frustration as the main causes of violence in the schools.

Kinsinger also welcomes the hiring of ethnic teachers as role models, and the hiring of more cultural relations workers, but, he said, the seniority system agreed upon by OSSTF and the school board might keep ethnic teachers out.

David Crisp, District 13 OSSTF president, said "We certainly would like to see many more ethnic teachers in the schools. There's no question, we have hired some last year and we'd like to see a lot more."

Kinsinger suggests a series of councils should be established to tap all the potential available in the community.

"Perhaps I'm looking down the road with rose-colored glasses," he said. "We've got some talented people in this system, and they're not going to let it fall apart."

Pilot Committee on Race Relations: Coping with community problems

By Robin Hardy

Many police-related problems in a community stem from a mutual lack of understanding by citizens and police of their respective rights and functions in society.

Two years ago, a recommendation was presented to the Metro Social Planning Council that committees be formed to promote communication between police and the community, in order to prevent, and in some cases solve problems minority groups may be having.

The result was the establishment of several pilot committees in Metro — one of which operates in Ward 3, North York, in co-operation with members of Division 31 of the Metropolitan Toronto Police Department.

According to Susan Archibald of the Metro Social Planning Council, "The Pilot Committee on Law Enforcement and Race Relations was primarily designed to initiate dialogue between police and citizens, aimed at understanding the perceptions police have of citizens' activities."

Committee Chairman, Irene Pengelly says that the committee has become more of a community organization trying to meet the problems of any group within the community, not solely racial groups.

"Any problem faced by a group or individual in this com-

munity is really a community problem," she said, "and that is our priority — to deal with any police-related community problem."

For instance, many problems presented to the committee are youth-related.

Ms. Pengelly is quick to add that the committee is not a complaint bureau.

"The police department has its own complaint bureau", she said. "Anyone who has a specific complaint against the police is encouraged to call the bureau."

One of the major problems the police face, says Liaison Sergeant Ron Hoath, is the assumption by new Canadians that the laws here are the same as the laws of their native countries.

"For instance," said Sergeant Hoath, "the role of the police in Canada is very different from the role and image of the police in Italy. Likewise, the laws relating to closing time and liquor licenses in Jamaica vary significantly from our own."

Sergeant Hoath maintains that many problems encountered between police and new Canadians are a result, not of deliberate attempts by these people to break the law, but rather are due to lack of understanding of just what Canadian laws are.

The committee is also attempting to break down the

stereotype impressions some police have of minority groups through promoting such an understanding of motives behind the actions of these groups.

Also established within the last two years has been a team policing system, whereby police car patrols are assigned to a particular area for a regular period of time, to enable police to become familiar with the people and problems of that area.

Some of the changes which have been brought about within the past two years, include the creation of a foot patrol, to, among other things, help improve the image of the police, and to give citizens more of a feeling of security.

The Ward 3 Pilot Committee on Race Relations meets once a month, and Ms. Pengelly feels that even though the committee (comprising members of the community and Division 31 of the police department) has made significant steps in promoting a greater understanding between citizens and police, she would like to see more input from groups within the community.

Anyone with questions or information for the committee can contact the Jane/Finch Community and Family Centre at 663-2733.

News Briefs

By Pat O'Neill,
Alderman Ward 3

Traffic:

The intersection of Yates-castle and Sheppard Ave. has been signalized and lights have been approved for Finch Ave. at Yorkgate and Elana.

North York Transportation Committee has approved my request for a crossing guard at Finch and Driftwood and have forwarded the request to Metro.

I have asked the Transportation Committee to install "40 km" signs on Driftwood south of Finch. Letters of support would help the request.

Parks:

Only safety and maintenance items were included in this year's parks budget. The playground at Yorkwoods Gate will be completed, and the Ball Diamond at Driftwood Park has been turned so that the ball is not hit toward homes on Driftwood and Kinney.

Social Services:

The nursery program at 15 Tobermorey is to be closed at the end of June because of declining enrolment. I argued unsuccessfully against the closing at Metro Social Services and Housing Committee. I did persuade the committee to at

least keep the funds in this area to provide extra subsidised day care places.

Welfare:

The introduction of a computer system may cause some delays in payments of welfare cheques. If you do experience difficulties please let me know.

Development:

Metro Council approved the Northwood development proposal on June 19.

A meeting of the Northwood Community Centre Advisory Board will be arranged for September. Everyone who has expressed an interest will be invited.

North York Planning Board will hold a public hearing on the application to build a nursing home on Finch Avenue next to Northminster Baptist Church. The hearing date has been set for July 25 at 3:15.

New dog pound

North York's new dog pound opened on June 16 at Tuscan Road and Sheppard Avenue. The new facility includes a spay / neuter clinic which will open later this year. Please remember dogs are not permitted to run at large or foul on other's property.

How the Pilot Committee works

By Wayne Burnett, Pilot Committee youth representative, and student at Westview Centennial School

In order for the Pilot Committee on Race Relations to discuss relevant issues, it is necessary to get feedback from the community. This has been accomplished in the past, by inviting guests to the monthly committee meetings, and by sending out questionnaires to community members.

Recently a large number of questionnaires were filled out by students at Westview, and by library patrons at Yorkwoods library.

The vast majority of those questionnaires were filled out in a positive and productive way — and many good suggestions were made to the committee.

The guests who attended the meetings represented many community organizations as well as the community at large.

Groups represented at past meetings have included the Jamaica / Canadian Association, Black Education Project, Costi, Westview Centennial School, the Clinic, and more.

Youth representation, however, has been relatively small. As the sole youth representative on the committee, I can-

not adequately represent the thousands of young adults in the community, let alone the differing opinions of both students and non-students.

The committee has found many youth-related topics to discuss, but it is hampered by a very small youth representation.

tation.

Anyone interested in offering opinions, help and time to the committee to increase youth representation, can contact me through the Jane / Finch Community and Family Centre, 663-2733.

This newspaper needs youth representation

This is the first in a series of articles that hopefully will be of interest to young adults in the Jane Corridor.

The Jane Corridor News has had a noticeable lack of youth representation in its articles, and I hope that this vacuum can be filled by such a series.

But to do this, the opinions of many young people are needed. There are three ways in which you can help:

- Write letters to the Jane Corridor News in response to articles such as this. Praise, criticize, agree or disagree with what has been

written.

- Write letters suggesting what you would like discussed. Give this newspaper and me an indication of what is and what is not relevant to you.

- Write your own articles for publication in this paper. Write about anything you like, within limits. These articles may be submitted to me or to the Jane Corridor News editorial staff for approval.

It's time for youths in this community to have their say!

Wayne Burnett

From Community and Legal Aid Services Program

Claiming refugee status

The process of claiming refugee status in Canada can be intimidating, confusing, and sometimes lengthy, and a general understanding of the nature of the process may be helpful.

Are you a refugee?

The law dealing with refugees in Canada is **The Immigration Act**. The act uses the United Nations definition of a 'convention refugee.' You are a 'convention refugee' if:

- 1) You are outside the country of your nationality or the last country of legal residence; and,
- 2) You fear persecution from the authorities of the government from the country which you fled; and,
- 3) the fear of persecution is well-founded; and,
- 4) The persecution is based on your race, religion, nationality, political opinion, or membership in a particular group; and finally,
- 5) you are unable or unwilling to return to your country because of persecution.

If you don't fit into this definition, your claim will be rejected. Statistics indicate that approximately 50 per cent of the refugee claims are rejected.

Certain people will not be granted refugee status regardless of whether they fit the definition or not; these are people who fall into the narrowly defined 'inadmissible classes' (terrorists, subversives, or criminals).

How to apply

There are three ways in which an application for refugee status may be processed. First, there are special programs for large groups, usually related to a political event in another country. Recent examples are programs for Chilean refugees and for Vietnamese refugees.

The second type is an individual application from outside Canada. This application is routinely handled by an immigration official in the local consulate and is treated similar to a regular application for permanent resident status. The chances for success are very poor.

The third type of application is by an individual already in Canada. To apply from within Canada, you must be without legal status. For example, if you are on a student visa, the inquiry will not be held until this visa has expired or been invalidated. When applying from within Canada, you have full access to the appeal process and have a better chance of getting qualified people to help you establish your claim.

Success or failure

If you are successful in your claim, you will be granted permanent resident status and all the rights that go with it. If you are unsuccessful, you will be forced to leave Canada, either voluntarily or, in some cases, under a 'deportation order'.

Refugee Rights

You may choose to have a relative, friend, lawyer, or law student represent you in your dealings with the Immigration department. It is important to watch out for unscrupulous immigration consultants who require large fees paid in advance and then do only minimal work. Community Legal Aid clinics staffed by law students often do the necessary work at no charge; having handled many refugee claims, they have a certain amount of expertise in the area and are in regular contact with the best immigration lawyers.

You have a right to appeal decisions which go against you. Appeals are handled by the Immigration Appeal Board. In rare cases, decisions may be appealed to the Federal Court.

You may work in Canada while claiming refugee status only if issued a work permit by an immigration official. Whether the permit will be issued or not is decided by the individual immigration officer. When changing jobs or address, you must notify the Immigration department or risk severe penalties.

Conclusion

The process of getting refugee status is difficult and often complex. If you are claiming refugee status, your chances may be severely jeopardized by contact with people who do not understand or cannot adequately explain the situation to you. For more information or help with refugee claims, call the **Community Legal Aid Clinic at Osgoode Hall Law School at 667-3143**.

Jobs are there if you know how to look

By Carla Mastragostino

In spite of the gloom and doom atmosphere surrounding the job market for students, placement centre officials claim that jobs are available if students are willing to be flexible.

Centre officials working with students seeking summer employment and students seeking full-time employment agree that the low morale of students looking for jobs is created by the media which makes students feel that they must run out and get a job immediately.

Hilton Devlin, guidance counsellor for graduate students at York University, believes that the media have assumed the authority to say there are no jobs. He challenges their statistics because, according to him, the people who are not seriously looking for jobs, such as housewives, freeloaders and some high school students, are entered in the figures.

Devlin also said that "the media do not say what the demands and expectations are so they are generalizing upon false assumptions."

The Canada Employment centre for students has the task of helping thousands of high school, college and university students find a summer job.

Frances Latner, supervisor of the York Weston office, seemed to generate the enthusiasm of the kids — her eyes sparkled as she proudly disclosed May's figures.

Of the 556 vacancies posted in her York University office, 413 were filled by the end of the month. However, these statistics are still low considering that those numbers represent a one-month period. The unfilled jobs are carried through to the next month. The end of the summer will show a clearer picture of the job market for students.

Students are running their own businesses

"A lot of students are picking up on the entrepreneur spirit," says Latner. "Some students run companies offering services such as painting and landscaping. One student has set up a life guard service, and others have opened orange juice stands at flea markets."

There's been an increase in the number of students who are genuinely motivated," she said. "They're excited about the job opportunities out there."



C.W. Jefferys student, Duane King checks the board for summer job.



Employment counsellor, Frances Latner enjoys the enthusiasm of the students.

Latner believes this may have something to do with the success stories covered in the newspapers.

The Canada Employment centre for students is also able to reduce the amount of work done between employer and student, and can cut down on the time and expense the employer has to incur.

"We send them a select group of candidates for their requirements," said Latner.

In May, the centre sent out approximately 2,000 of these referrals to employers and has conducted about 1,500 interviews for job possibilities.

These statistics do not account for the students who are not registered with any agencies and who go out and find their own jobs.

Although students are always reminded to look early for jobs, Latner says the job market is always busy until the end of August, and that many short-term jobs are available to replace employees going on vacation as well as temporary fill-in work.

Short-term jobs can be assets

She encourages these short term jobs because they usually have higher pay, and are a good source of experience that can be used for future references.

Latner enjoys her work because of the students' enthusiasm. She says she gets many thank you letters and calls when they get jobs. One mother was so pleased her son got a job that she baked the staff a chocolate cake.

The job market is similar for students once they graduate.

Must be realistic

Carolyn Reid, branch manager of the Canada Manpower centre dealing with graduates says that

the students from a non-demanding area will be successful in finding a job if they are realistic and try to consider alternatives.

However, she warns that "the interviews are grueling and students have to make commitments as to what they plan to do. If students haven't made up their minds, employers will sense it. The employer will only want to train someone who will last."

An important asset to students, says Reid is "good inter-personal skills. The students have to be able to sell themselves."

A combination of other factors such as poor appearance and grooming, not being fluent in English, and resume mistakes can hurt the first impression of the employer.

Reid said that many arts students don't know what they want when they leave university, and this is often evident to the employer.

The most difficult areas to find jobs in are the arts — teaching, social sciences, and political science. Economics, mathematics and some sciences are in slightly higher demand, while prospects are much better for business, computer science, and physics graduates.

Reid says that students have to be willing to take contract jobs related to their field, which would give them enough background to give them marketable skills.

Peter Ragbeer, a 22-year-old graduate with an honors B.A. in French, says he did not go to university with any particular job in mind. He has been looking in newspapers and placement offices for the past four weeks, and has not been able to find the job he wants, so is planning to return to school for a degree in translation.

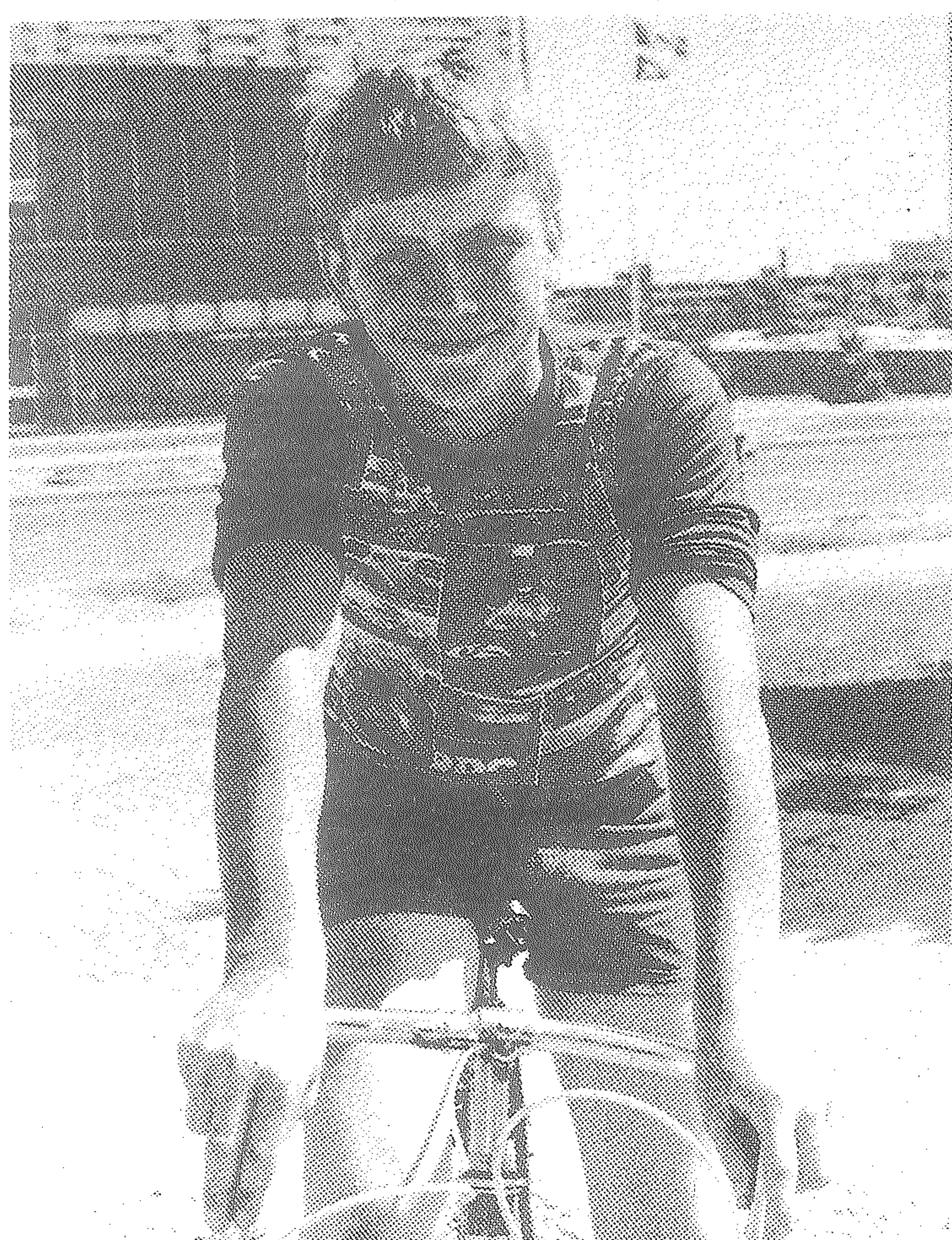
Job prospects "not rosy"

"I know it wasn't rosy," said Ragbeer about the job market. "My main motive was not to get a job, but an education."

"A lot of students are scared off by what the media has to say about the job market. They are not aggressive enough."

He believes that the graduate must sell himself. He has to discover what the employer is looking for and incorporate that into the interview.

Volunteer of the Month



Stephen Cook — June's volunteer of the month is probably one of our busiest volunteers. In addition to delivering bundles Jane Corridor News to Ward 3 households, he also delivers the Toronto Star.

Stephen has just completed Grade Six at Firgrove Public School, and on June 26, enjoyed a year-end trip to Wasaga with his class.

Having been with the boy scouts for seven years, Stephen has earned himself six badges, and is looking forward to going camping with the scouts this summer.

Keep busy Stephen, but don't forget to pick up your JCN bundle for July!

Consumers' Association of Canada Small Claims Court can help you

The Small Claims Courts provide a quick, informal and inexpensive alternative to solving consumer problems. These courts are one of the most important but least-known parts of the court system in Ontario. The Small Claims Court has been given the name the "people's court" and the public should not be afraid to use this service.

If you are dissatisfied with a product or a service and have approached someone in authority and received no satisfaction, go to the Small Claims Court. If you want to collect on an unpaid loan or recover goods in the possession of another person, get help through the Small Claims Court.

If you are a landlord and want to collect arrears in rent or claim for damage to the apartment done by the tenant, take your case to the Small Claims Court.

The Small Claims Court also deals with motor vehicle accident claims.

Don't need a lawyer

In most instances, when you are making a claim to the Small Claims Court, you do not need a lawyer. You can claim up to \$800 as an individual consumer and not need a lawyer.

If a company sues you and it is a disputed claim of over \$400,

they need a lawyer. Also, if you sue and it is over \$400 and they dispute, they need a lawyer.

The staff of the courts will help you prepare your claim for filing. The plaintiff, or person suing, should list his or her name and address and the name and address of the person owing the money.

There should also be a statement clearly setting out the reasons why the money is owing and the outstanding amount. The plaintiff may also claim for interest on the amount owing.

The cost of filing a claim in the Small Claims Court depends on the size of the claim. There is a minimum charge of \$4 if the claim is \$10 or less. If the claim is up to \$400, the charge is \$14.50. If the claim falls between \$400 and \$800, the charge starts at \$16.50. Other costs are preparing the summons to court and delivery of the summons.

On a \$300 claim, a charge of .75 is made for two summonses and \$4 to deliver them.

Up to six weeks to get to trial

In most provinces, however, you can deliver the documents yourself. The summons says the time and place to appear and tells the nature of the claim. Once the summons has been delivered, it takes about four to six weeks for the claim to get to trial. The defendant is given 10 days to file a dispute to the claim, once the summons has been given. If no dispute is filed, the clerk may sign a "default judgement".

However, if a dispute is received, your claim will be placed before a judge and you will be notified of the hearing.

Once in court, you can admit any evidence that the judge thinks is relevant. The formal rules of evidence do not apply in Small Claims Court. The best evidence is the most direct and reliable evidence.

Keep records of everything!

You can include testimony from witnesses, letters, documents and photographs. It is very important to keep record of all telephone calls, bills, work orders and contracts.

If the defendant does not pay his debt after a default judgement has been given in court, the plaintiff can ask the court to recover the claim and court costs. Recovery can be made through garnishment of wages or bank accounts, seizure of personal assets or a judgement summons to bring the debtor before the court to explain why he has not paid the claim.

If you are the defendant, and money is owing, contact the plaintiff and arrange payment out of court. If you believe the money is not owing, a dispute should be filed, clearly stating a reasonable objection. Once the dispute has been filed, the matter will be put before a judge.

The Small Claims Courts are working to help you. Use this public service to solve your consumer problems.

If you are an aspiring writer, we need you...

If you have an interest in your community or an interest in writing and reporting — the Jane Corridor News needs you.

Of course as a non-profit organization we can't afford to pay, but we can offer other benefits.

Getting involved in local events is one. By writing for us you'll become aware of groups, services and events which you never knew existed.

Knowing that you are making a contribution to your community is another. Every community deserves a local paper that it can be proud of. The more writers and contributors we have, the better the quality of our paper will be.

So you see, we do need you. If you feel that you would like to help us out give us a call at 630-5070, or better still, drop in at the Yorkwoods Gate Community Centre in person. We'll be glad to see you.

Deadline for copy is the 26th of every month except August when it is the 27th.

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To keep the community informed

Give the gift of life!

The North York Red Cross is once again holding a blood donor clinic on Tuesday, July 24 at St. Philip Neri Church, 2100 Jane Street, Downsview, from 2:00 — 8:30 p.m.

The need for blood is never so great as it is during the summer months. Traffic accidents during the summer, especially on long weekends, place a great strain on the blood bank. This problem is compounded when donors go on holidays without donating blood. The blood bank becomes so low during the summer months that many hospitals are forced to cancel surgery due to the lack of blood.

Blood shortages during the summer could be alleviated if regular blood donors made sure that they donated blood before their holidays and if those who have never donated or who do so infrequently made an effort to donate at one of the many summer clinics held in North York. The St. Philip Neri clinic gives you this opportunity.

The status of the blood bank is your responsibility. One day you or someone close to you may need blood. Unless all healthy people donate blood regularly, there is no guarantee that there will be enough

blood when you need it. The donation of blood takes only a small amount of time. When you consider that your donation could help four people, isn't the time spent worth it?

Other Clinics in North York are:

July 19: York University —
Ross Bldg.
4700 Keele St.
Downsview
12:00 — 4:00 p.m.

July 21: Lansing United Church
49 Bogert Ave.
Willowdale
9:30 a.m. — 12:30 p.m.

July 23: Willowdale Christian
Reformed Church
70 Hilda Ave.
Willowdale
5:00 — 8:30 p.m.

July 25: North York
Civic Centre
5100 Yonge St.
Willowdale
9:30 a.m. — 3:30 p.m.

July 26: North York
Community Hall
5090 Yonge St.
Willowdale
2:00 — 8:30 p.m.

July 26: Fairview Mall
Sheppard and
Don Mills Road
2:00 — 8:30 p.m.

New playground!

The PTA wasn't the only new arrival at Driftwood last month. Children, delighted with the new playground equipment, could hardly be persuaded to leave it when

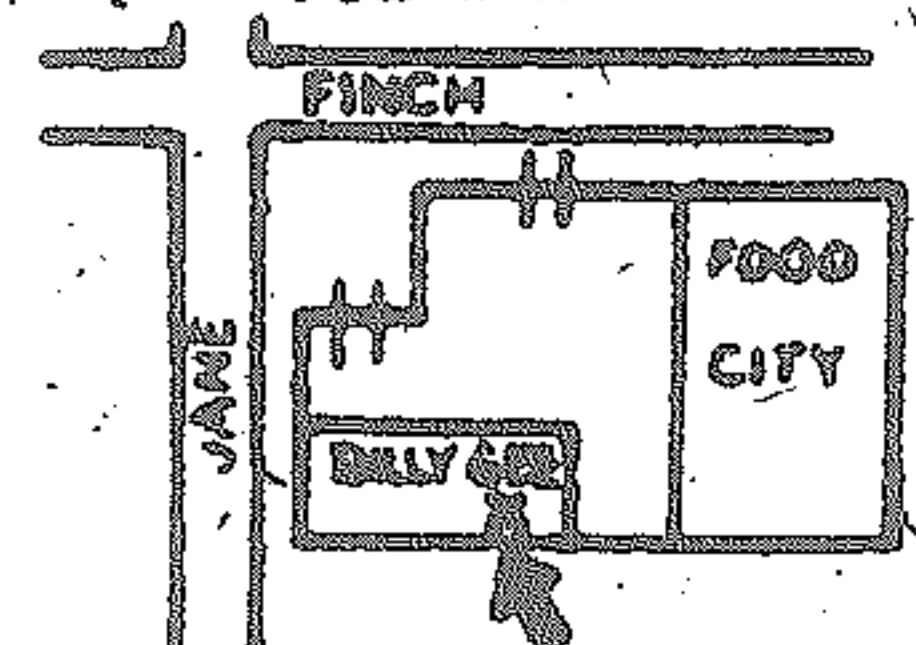
recess was over.

The \$6,000 playground was financed equally by the school, North York Board of Education, and a Wintario grant.

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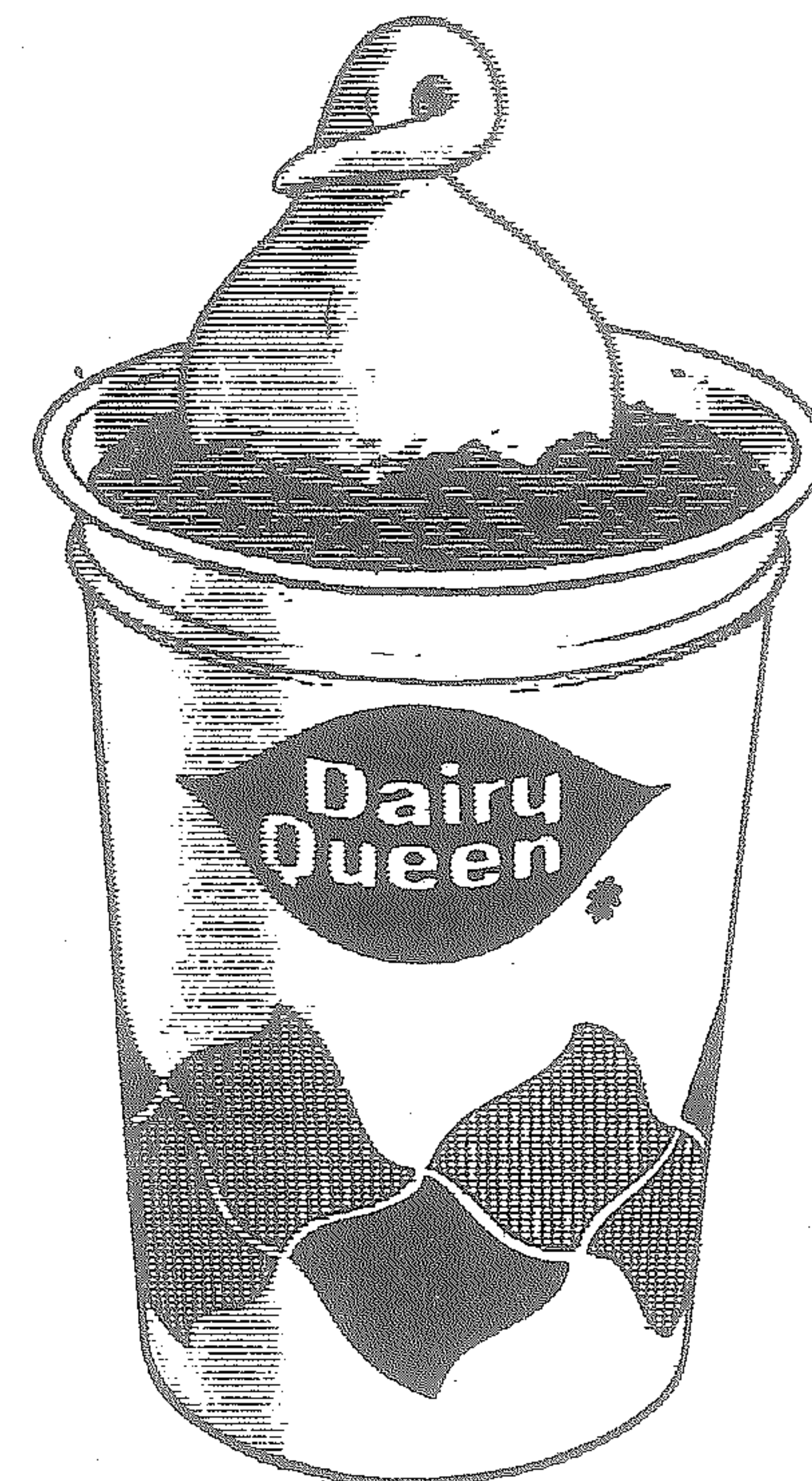
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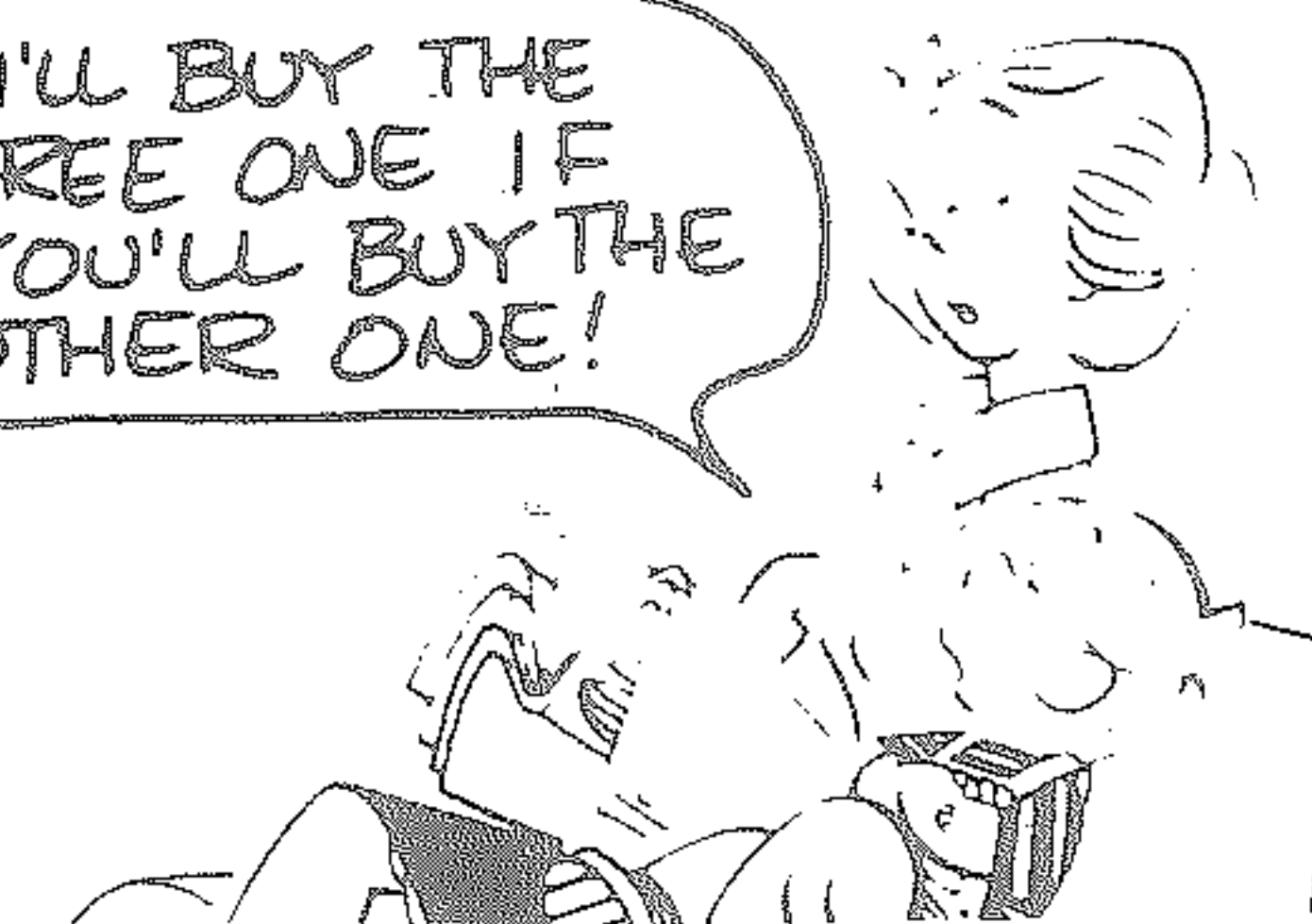


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People Make a Community

By Fay Cole

Often I have felt like throwing in the towel and have asked myself, is it worth it? Then something happens such as the third annual Fun Fair sponsored by the Firgrove School and Family Association (SFA), which makes me realise that there are good things happening in this community.

For the past three years the SFA has been raising funds through bingo, bazaars and more, to run after-school tiny tots programs and lunches for the boys and girls in the area. However, one of our goals was to be able to get an Adventure Playground for our children.

On Saturday, June 2, our dream was realized. Our Fun Fair was a success. It was a day of people working together to help themselves. It was an exuberant feeling to see parents, teachers, community workers, boys and girls working as a team. It was a carnival atmosphere — even the sun shone differently.

There were children on ponies, firemen with their fire dog Sebastian, talking about fire safety, teachers and parents were selling crafts, plants and baked goods, children were having fun playing ring around the bottle, Westview Pangroove kept us moving to the rhythm of their steelband, and there were refreshments to keep us cool and filled. At the end of the day, the frequent comment was "I am tired but happy."

Visit Firgrove Public School and you will see the result of people working together. You will see an Adventure Playground that makes us proud. May I suggest that you do not visit after school or you might not be able to see the equipment because of the hundreds of children playing on them. It is a good feeling knowing that our children need not play in underground garages.

Thanks to parents, teachers, children, North York Park and Recreation, community groups, merchants outside the area and the many individuals from all over, who helped to make our involvement in Firgrove School and its community a success. This is just one example of how people make a community.

The group will run for about eight weeks, and is held at "The Youth Clinic," 800 Oakdale Road. If interested please call Mike at 742-2514.

understand traditional Italian attitudes of their parents. For some this becomes a source of great confusion and frustration. Some teen-age girls who are un-

Servizi Italiani Alla "Youth Clinic"

La "Youth Clinic" (Clinica Giovanile), 800 Oakdale Rd., nel cuore della comunità Italiana della zona, quest'anno ha dato inizio a un nuovo reparto dedito espressamente ai bisogni degli Italiani della zona. Specificamente esso è stato creato per essere una fonte d'aiuto ai giovani d'origine italiana che si trovano in difficoltà emotive o familiari.

La "Youth Clinic" fu originariamente fondata per assistere i giovani drogati della zona poi, col passar del tempo, servizi di consulenza giovanile generica, e servizi medici furono aggiunti per rendere la clinica una fonte d'aiuto più completa per i giovani della zona.

Attualmente, la clinica impiega 6 consulenti (Counsellors), due infermiere, e quattro dottori, impiegati part-time, più un gruppo di volontari. I suoi servizi sono fondati maggiormente dal Ministero della Sanità e sono, perciò, completamente gratuiti.

Fin dall'inizio la clinica ha offerto i suoi servizi alla comunità

Italiana, però in un modo limitato data la mancanza di un consulente che parlasse l'italiano. Questo problema è stato adesso risolto. La clinica ha recentemente assunto un consulente italiano che conosce sia l'italiano che l'inglese, cosicché i giovani e i loro genitori adesso possono partecipare insieme nei programmi terapeutici, se ciò desiderano.

Fra tutti i servizi della clinica le classi settimanali per giovani ragazze italiane dovrebbe essere di particolare interesse alla comunità italiana della zona. Lo scopo di queste classi è di aiutare giovani ragazze dai tredici ai diciotto anni a capire la mentalità e la cultura dei loro genitori italiani, per così diminuire l'incomprensione e il risentimento che tante ragazze sentono verso di loro.

Se interessati nei nostri servizi, oppure se avete qualche domanda da chiedere, telefonate al 742-2514 e chiedete di Mike. Faremo il nostro meglio per aiutarvi.

Donation to Sick Children's Hospital

By Cathy Puzzolo (age 12) and Janet MacNevin (age 10)

Daxa Kshatri, jelly bean count
Donnie McLeod, popcorn and
Kool-aid stand
Mari Ann Stasiuk and
Karen MacNevin, fish pond

In March a group of kids started meeting once a week at 1901 Sheppard Ave. W. to make crafts. We made wishing wells, rocking chairs, fruit bowls, refrigerator decorations and other fine things. We also had a bake table, rummage table, comic table, and a fish pond.

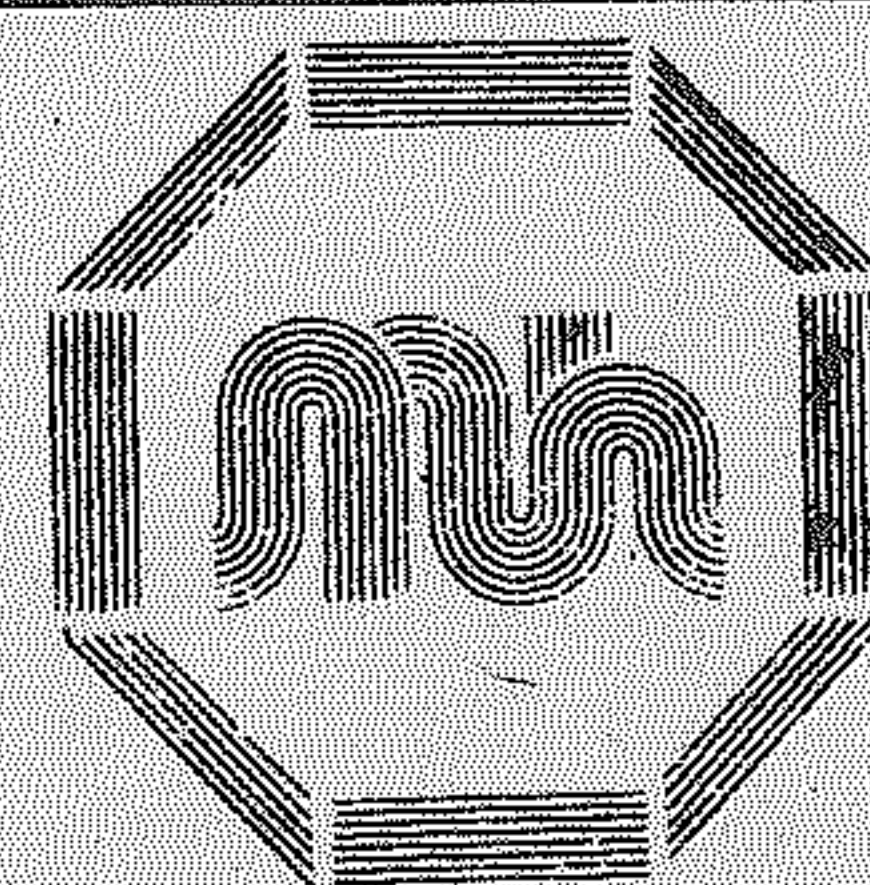
The bazaar was held on Saturday, June 9. We were able to make \$104.76 at the sale. The people who helped to organize it were:

Debbie McLeod and Janet MacNevin, rummage table
Ann LeMatire and
Kevin David, craft table
Cathy Puzzolo, bake table
David Gordon, comic table

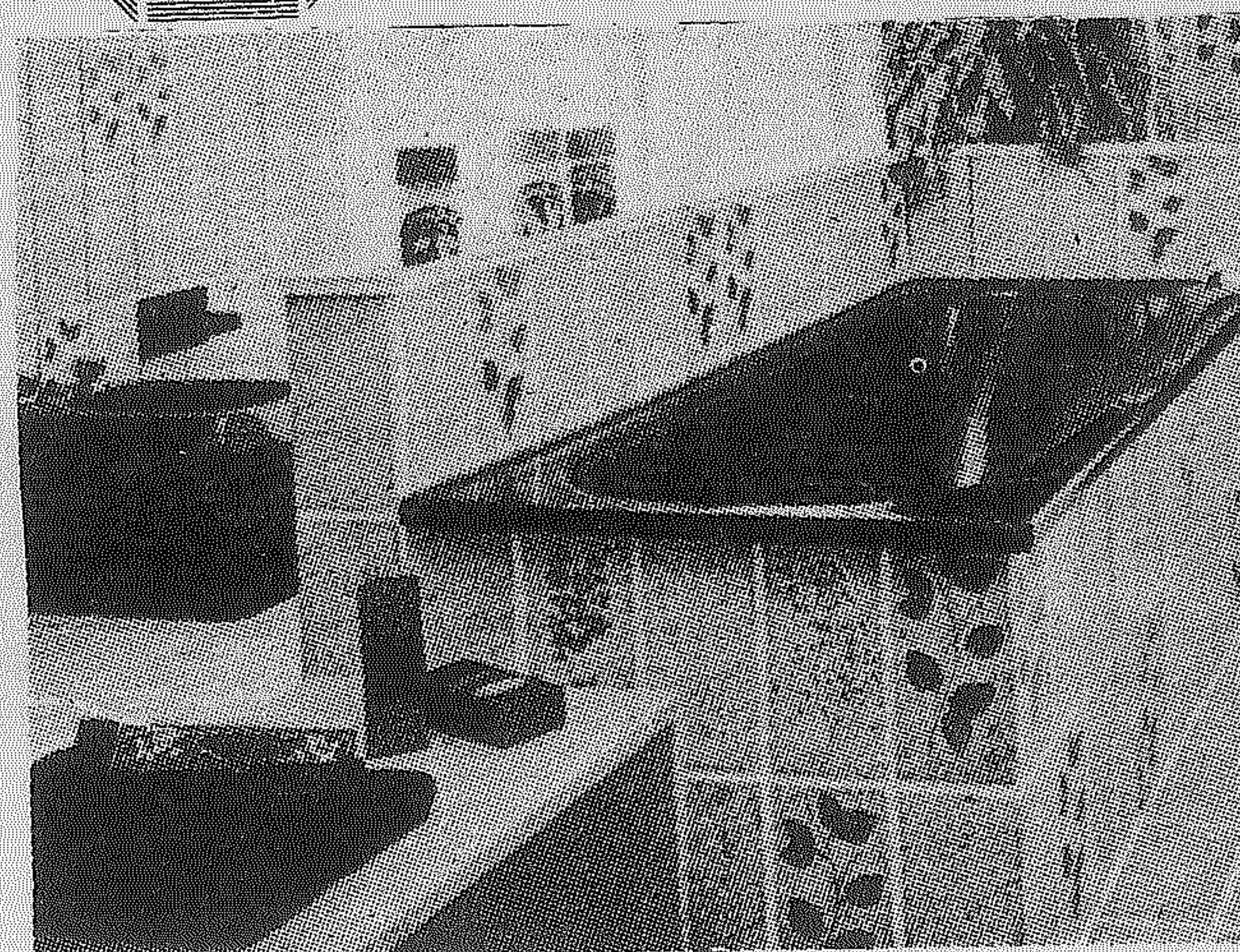
We will be giving the money to the Sick Children's Hospital for research.



Front row: Debbie McLeod, Karen MacNevin, Mary Ann Stasiuk.
Second row: Ann LeMatire, Janet MacNevin, David Gordon.
Back row: Cathy Puzzolo, Donnie McLeod, Daxa Kshatri.



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